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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

FILE NO. **100-534**

REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-16-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-22, 26-41	REPORT MADE BY D. V. GIBBS /ksm
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. JOSEPH P. KALP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INC. not registered with Secretary of State of N. C. R. LESTER ROSE, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce at Raleigh, N. C. states he knows nothing of the League and that no literature has been set through the Raleigh Branch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O.H. HAGE, JR., New Haven, dated March 1, 1941.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT PALEIGH, NC.</u></p> <p>THAD A. EURE, Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina, caused a search to be made of the records which revealed that above organization is not registered in the state of North Carolina either as a domestic or foreign corporation.</p> <p>R. LESTER ROSE, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that he knew nothing about the League or its organization and that he was totally unfamiliar with it. He said he was reasonably sure that no literature issued by the League or concerning its activities had been received by his office and that he was in a position to know if such literature was being sent through the Raleigh Chamber.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN</p>			
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REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 5/16/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/22, 29-5/3/41	REPORT MADE BY J. GARETH HITCHCOCK	MR.
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMIN, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No information concerning subject institution or subjects in Wyoming or in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, Colo.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent, O. N. HAGE, JR., New Haven, Conn., 3/1/41.
Report of Special Agent, J. GARETH HITCHCOCK, Denver, 4/8/41.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report of reporting agent and Special Agent D. RAY QUINN at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Agent QUINN interviewed HENRY WALTERS KILLIAN at the office of the Secretary of State, State of Wyoming, and was advised that subject organization was not registered in the corporation register for Wyoming. Moreover, Mr. KILLIAN never heard of subject organization or individuals connected with it mentioned in the title of this report.

Miss ROMA MASON, Clerk in the Chamber of Commerce, Cheyenne, was interviewed and she stated that the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce has no record of subject organization, is unacquainted with its activities and that she, personally, had never heard of it.

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AT PUEBLO, COLORADO:

Miss ESTHER SANTMYER, office manager of Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, was interviewed and she stated she never heard of subject organization or persons mentioned in title of this report. She submitted the files of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce to agent who reviewed them, but found no record that the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce had had any correspondence or dealings with subject organization or individuals mentioned in title of this report.

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO:

CARL D. GREEN, Office Manager of Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce was interviewed and he advised that subject organization, nor any persons representing it had ever approached the local Chamber of Commerce for solicitations or any other purpose.

GREEN had never previously heard of subject organization. As it appears subject organization and individuals mentioned in the title of this report have never contacted the Chamber of Commerce in the principal cities of Wyoming or Colorado, and do not appear to be known by the officials of these organizations, this case is

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REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 5/21/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/12/41 4/11/41	REPORT MADE BY L. J. SWAIM <div style="text-align: right;">MSS</div>
TITLE ① CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; ① JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. ① BENJAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. ① CARLON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Chambers of Commerce in cities of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Gallup, all New Mexico, checked for activity on part of CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. with negative results. Office of Secretary of State, Santa Fe, New Mexico, has no record of Subject organization being registered. - P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., New Haven, dated 3/1/41.</p> <p>DETAILS: - AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">JOHN P. MURPHY, manager, Chamber of Commerce, advised that he had no record or knowledge of subject organization soliciting in Albuquerque or elsewhere, and that he had never heard of said organization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- AT GALLUP, NEW MEXICO -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">M. L. WOODARD, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, stated he had no knowledge of any activity on part of subject organization, and that he had never heard of such organization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">JOHN D. DeHUFF, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, stated that he had no knowledge of any soliciting or activity of subject organization, and that he had never heard of the organization.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">P. M. JOERGER, Secretary to the Secretary of State, advised writer that only political organizations are registered with the Secretary of State, and that Subject organization was not and never had been registered.</p>			
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J. J. ROMERO, Chief Clerk, State Corporation Commission, stated that the Corporation Commission registers all organizations and associations, both profit and non-profit, that are registered in the State of New Mexico except political organizations which are, as stated above, registered with the Secretary of State. A check of the registrations with the Corporation Commission reflected that subject organization has not registered.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

At Roswell, Clovis, Raton and Las Cruces, New Mexico,
*will contact the local Chamber of Commerce and de-
velop information as to the extent subject organiza-
tion has been soliciting in Continental United States
and its possessions.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-1068

REPORT MADE AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 5/23/41 ✓	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8, 21/41	REPORT MADE BY JOHN S. STEWART RAF
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. F. W. BENJAMIN, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Local Chamber of Commerce advises they have no information concerning activities of Constitutional Educational League in the vicinity of Grand Rapids. A report concerning this Constitutional League obtained by the local Chamber of Commerce set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, J. dated March 1, 1941 at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS:

AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

MR. G. L. FOX of the Better Business Division of the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce was contacted, at which time he advised that there was no information of any activity on the part of the Constitutional Educational League in the vicinity of Grand Rapids.

MR. FOX stated that he had a report on the Constitutional Educational League submitted to him by the National Better Business Bureau of New York City, and the contents of this report are as follows:

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"October 4, 1940

"Constitutional Educational League, Inc.
First National Bank Building
New Haven, Connecticut

"This organization originally came to the Bureau's attention during the latter part of 1936, at which time the following information was secured from a contact in New Haven:

"The Constitutional Educational League, with headquarters in the First National Bank Building in New Haven, was organized some ten odd years ago under the active direction of Messrs. Chester A. Hanson and Joseph P. Kamp (not incorporated), as a fact-finding movement concerning the workings of the Communist and other alien Red movements, and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression; i.e., newspapers, magazines, speakers, radio, etc.

"This is the statement made by Chester A. Hanson who is the Executive Secretary. There is also considerable investigation work as to the activities of certain individuals and organizations.

"The Chairman is Judge John L. Gilson, judge of the Probate Court in New Haven. Dr. R. W. Benjamin, Hartford, is Field Secretary and Wm. H. Rush, Jr. is Secretary. The Advisory Committee consists of Major P. LeRoy Harwood, New London; Col. Anson F. Keeler, Norwalk; Judge John H. Kirkham, New Britain; Judge Bacon Wakeman, Fairfield, and other men of equal prominence and responsibility.

"Subsequently, the following information was secured from the Hartford Better Business Bureau:

"The Constitutional Educational League has operated from New Haven for a number of years and its activities have been confined principally to the southern and western parts of the State, particularly the area around Bridgeport, Conn., where

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there are many unskilled factory employees. They have always been a relatively small organization and have confined themselves to the writing of pamphlets, newspaper stories, etc., to combat Communism and other isms. In some instances, they have really gone into the factories with undercover men to ferret out radical elements and in doing this work, have secured the support and approbations of some manufacturers. All in All, it is just one of those organizations which has had a rather precarious existence for some time. We see very little of them here in Hartford County because this is an open shop territory and the radical element is at a minimum."

"Subsequently, the organization expanded its activities on a national or semi-national scale, and in addition to the New Haven office, they now list offices at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City and in Madison, Wisconsin and, during the early part of 1940 listed a southern department at Birmingham, Ala.

"During 1937 and 1938, many inquiries and reports were received by this Bureau indicating that the Constitutional Educational League was extremely active in circulating literature unfavorable to the CIO and was sponsoring speeches and broadcasts along similar lines. Under date of September 16, 1937, the organization submitted the following statement to the Bureau:

"The income of our organization is derived from the sale of books and literature and contributions. The scope of our activity covers the entire United States, and the writer of this letter is a full-time, paid, Secretary-Manager. The Directors in charge of our branch offices are also salaried full-time men.

"Our organizers in the field are paid according to the service rendered our organization. Some of them are speakers and investigators as well as solicitors. They are paid salaries and expenses as well as commissions on the sale of literature."

"In March of 1938, publicity appeared in the newspapers relative to public charges set forth by the Constitutional

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Educational League, alleging that it was being harassed and 'persecuted' by the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee.

"Early in 1940, this Bureau requested the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. to fill out one of the Bureau's regular questionnaires designed to elicit pertinent information from organizations soliciting membership fees and contributions. The organization did not comply with this request but did furnish certain literature and a financial statement. This literature recounted the activities of the organization in combatting the CIO as above referred to. It is also stated that in November, 1938 when efforts were being made to halt the Dies Committee, the League instituted a nation-wide drive on its behalf, secured over 4,000,000 signatures to petitions and 'deluged Congress with an avalanche of letters and telegrams from aroused patriots.' During 1939, according to the literature, the League was active in exposing and opposing various radical activities. ~~It is also stated that the League had answered almost 500,000 communications and distributed over 6,000,000 pieces of literature.~~ From such information as has reached the Bureau, it would appear that during 1940, the League's activities have been patterned after those of previous years. At the present time, it is engaged in offering for sale a publication entitled 'The Fifth Column in Washington' at 25¢ each. The author of this booklet is Joseph P. Kamp, long identified with the organization.

"The present officers of the Constitutional Educational League are stated to be: Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Chairman; Joseph P. Kamp, Executive Vice Chairman; W. Byron Swartz, Vice Chairman; Hon. Leonard McMahon, Vice Chairman; Chester A. Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer; Madelyn Cannon, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer; Major A. Cloyd Gill, Director of Research; Mildred M. Hall, Secretary, Southern Department; John E. Waters, Midwest Secretary.

"The organization has submitted a financial statement to this Bureau for the period from January 1st to December 31st, 1939. This statement was unsigned and it was not indicated that it had been prepared by any independent firm of accountants. The

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statement showed total receipts of \$33,787.25, the principal items being \$29,351.00 designated as 'contributions and memberships'. Disbursements totaled \$33,493.47, leaving a cash balance of \$293.78. The following approximate figures represent the principal disbursements:

"Salaries and expenses for field men and speakers	\$11,500
"Officers Salaries	8,500
"Printing	4,500
"Postage	1,300
"Secretarial salaries in New Haven	1,200

"We trust the foregoing information will prove useful. .

"V_ry truly yours,

Manager
Financial Department

"Allan E. Backman
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE GRAND RAPIDS OFFICE

Will contact the Chambers of Commerce in all of the large cities in the Grand Rapids Field territory to ascertain any information which they may have concerning activity on the part of the Constitutional Educational League.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONN.**

FILE NO. **100-627**

REPORT MADE AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/1, 11/41	REPORT MADE BY E. W. BUTLER, JR.
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Contact #1 stated Subject Organization was not registered in State of Utah. Contact #2 stated Subjects were unknown in Salt Lake City, Utah. Contact #3 stated Subjects were unknown in Provo, Utah. Reference report summarized and leads set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., dated 3/1/41 at New Haven, Conn.

DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

Contact #1 examined the records of the Secretary of State for Utah and stated Subject Organization was not registered in the State of Utah.

Contact #2 examined the records of the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce and the records of the Salt Lake City Business Men's Alliance, the latter is an organization which investigates solicitation of funds from local business men. The records of these two associations did not contain a reference to any of the Subjects nor did Contact #2 have personal knowledge of any of them.

AT PROVO, UTAH:

Contact #3, a prominent lawyer and civic leader stated he did not know of Subjects and expressed the thought that if Subjects were soliciting in Provo, he would know about it.

To facilitate the obtaining of the desired information requested in the leads set out in this report, the following summary of the reference report is furnished.

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The Constitutional Educational League, Inc., according to its confidential annual report to members for the years 1934 and 1935, has for its purpose the combating of communistic activities in the United States. Its activities are classified in these annual reports under the following headings:

Industrial Activity: exposing communistic tie-ups with labor organizations by such means as whispering campaigns.

Newspaper Publicity: newspaper releases emphasizing dangers of the "red menace."

Co-operation with Officials: furnishing information and assistance to civic officials, prosecuting attorneys and the police regarding communistic activities.

Undercover Investigation: maintaining undercover agents in the ranks of communists.

Disruptive Tactics: sending representatives to "red" meetings for the purpose of asking embarrassing questions of speakers.

Educational Lecturers: sending speakers to talk before such organizations as the Rotary, Lions Club, American Legion, etc.

Literature: preparation of literature against communism and labor unions controlled by communistic agencies (much of this literature is of a type legitimate printers refuse to print.)

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT OGDEN, UTAH

Will contact the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

AT PROVO, UTAH

Will contact the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA,

Will contact the Secretary of State of Nevada to determine if the Constitutional League, Inc. is registered in that state.

Will also contact the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA,

Will contact the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

AT RENO, NEVADA

Will contact the local chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

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CONTACTS

Contact #1:

Contact #2:

Contact #3:



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT File No. 100-1088
 Report Made At : HOUSTON, TEXAS Date When Made : 5/27/41 Period For Which : Made: 4/5/41 Report Made By : L. T. GEORGE MLS
 Title : CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INC. ET AL. Character of Case : INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

Synopsis of Facts:

Review of indices discloses no past or present indication of operation or existence of the subject organization. The Houston Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, and Retail Credit Corporation advised they have no information of subject organization ever operating or existing in this territory.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE JR., New Haven, dated 3/1/41.

Details: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

The indices of the Houston Field Division disclose no indication of operation or existence of subject organization in the Houston territory.

Mr. C. B. BUTCHER, Manager, Retail Credit Corporation, Commerce Building, advised that his office has no record of subject organization existing or operating in the City of Houston.

Miss FRANCIS BONNER, Record Clerk, Houston Chamber of Commerce, Commerce Building, advised that there is no record in the Chamber of Commerce files of subject organization ever existing or operating in the city of Houston.

Mr. C. E. BUCHNER, Manager, Houston Better Business Bureau, 1210 Texas Street, advised that there is no record in his Bureau of the subject organization ever operating or existing in the Houston territory. Mr. BUCHNER further advised that anyone wishing to solicit for any purpose in the city of Houston must first obtain a permit from the Police Department. Before a permit is granted, the Better Business Bureau is requested by the Police Department to investigate the person or organization requesting a permit.

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Mr. BUCHNER also stated that none of the Chambers of Commerce in the cities surrounding Houston have a Better Business Bureau in their cities. Therefore, when an organization or individual requests permission to solicit in their respective city, they write to the Houston Better Business Bureau for information concerning the background of the person or organization requesting the permit to solicit.

Mr. BUCHNER stated, therefore, that if the subject organization had been active in this territory, his office would have such a record. He also stated that in the event that he receives any information concerning this organization, he will immediately contact the Houston Field Office.

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 5-29-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-5-41	REPORT MADE BY CARLTON M. ROGERS
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP; W. BYRON SWARTZ; DR. H. W. BENJAMINE; CHESTER A. HANSON; MADELYN A. CARRON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records of Secretary of State of New Jersey, Trenton, N.J. fail to disclose registration in New Jersey of Constitutional Educational League, Inc. Secretary of Trenton Chamber of Commerce, Trenton, N.J. advises that Trenton Chamber of Commerce has received pamphlets through mail from Constitutional Educational League, Inc., but knows of no one else receiving such in Trenton. No solicitations for money made.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., New Haven, dated 3-1-41.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>MR. GEORGE A. MOULIN, clerk in the office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, State House, Trenton, New Jersey, in the company of writer, searched through the compiled list of all corporations registered in the State of New Jersey for information concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., with negative results.</p> <p>MR. WALTER LOCHNER, Secretary of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce, Stacy-Trent Hotel, Trenton, New Jersey, when asked if he knew of or had been receiving literature from the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., produced a file containing bulletins and pamphlets received through the mail from subject corporation. MR. LOCHNER stated that the Trenton Chamber of Commerce was still receiving these pamphlets from the League, but that he did not know of anyone else in Trenton who had been receiving such mail.</p>			
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MR. LOCHNER stated that MR. LARRY MERCER, New Jersey State Building, Trades Council (A.F. of L.), Division of Public Relations, 1094 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey had recently called at his office and that he had shown MERCER some of the pamphlets he had received from the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., but that MERCER had stated that it was a good thing since it denounced the activities of the C.I.O. MR. LOCHNER further stated that MERCER apparently knew something about the subject organization since he appeared to be well versed on the information contained in the pamphlets, and from his position as Public Relations contact man for the American Federation of Labor traveled throughout the State of New Jersey, and so was in a position to determine the extent of solicitations and activities of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., in New Jersey.

MR. LOCHNER further advised that at no time had the Trenton Chamber of Commerce been approached by any one soliciting money for this organization and that he was sure that he did not know how the Chamber of Commerce had happened to be selected to receive such propaganda, but that he was keeping all such pamphlets received purely as a matter of record.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will contact MR. LARRY B. ROBERT, Division of Public Relations, New Jersey State Building Trades Council (A.P. of L.), 1094 Broad Street, to determine what information he has concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

*Will contact the following to determine what information they have concerning the Constitutional Educational League. Will particularly determine the person making the solicitation obtained and the purpose of solicitation.

Mr. Ralph W. Emmons
621 Main Street, Asbury Park, New Jersey

Mr. G. H. Barbour, New England Society of Orange
106 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey

Mr. C. H. Hewitt, Jr., Sec., The Chamber of Commerce
Union Building, Plainfield, New Jersey

Mr. J. W. Binder, Sec., Bergen County Chamber of Commerce
201 Main St., Hackensack, New Jersey

Mr. James J. Cullington, Sec., Chamber of Commerce
Jersey City, New Jersey

*Will contact the Chamber of Commerce of all other large cities in New Jersey and develop information as to the extent subject organization has been soliciting in Continental United States and its possessions.

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TITLE <p>CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMIN, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">INTERNAL SECURITY "G"</p>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="margin-left: 400px;"> <p>Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles area replied to inquiries and no solicitation for membership has been reported in their cities. The cities reporting this information were Pomona, Bakersfield, Pasadena, Visalia, San Bernardino, Glendale and Santa Monica. A letter from the Teachers' Association, Taft, California, indicates some activity in that area.</p> </div>			
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.</p> <p>In accordance with the request in the report of reference, letters were directed to the heads of the various Chamber of Commerce organizations in the larger cities in the Los Angeles area. The letter requested the Chamber of Commerce to check their files and to ascertain if any information had been received at their office concerning the activities or solicitation for membership of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. The following cities submitted re-</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <p>61-10355-87</p> <p>JUN 6 1941</p> </div> </div>			
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plies to these letters from their Chamber of Commerce organizations and stated they had no knowledge or had any information come to their attention concerning membership solicitation in their cities. The cities are: Pomona, Bakersfield, Pasadena, Visalia, San Bernardino, Glendale, and Santa Monica. Up to the time of writing this report, no letters have been received from the cities of Santa Ana, Riverside and Beverly Hills.

However, this case is not being held in a pending status relative to these replies in view of the fact that the coverage and the replies from the cities above mentioned are a good indication that there has been no solicitation in the Southland Area.

Under date of April 22, 1941, a letter was received at the Los Angeles Field Division from Mr. WILLIAM DIENSTEIN, President of the Taft City Division, California Teachers' Association at Taft, California. The letter which is self-explanatory is as follows:

"April 22, 1941

"Dear Mr. Hood:

"If it is possible, could you give me any information about the Constitution Educational League, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, and its writer, Joseph P. Kamp.

"I am seeking this information for the following reason: Last night I attended a Westside Americanism Meeting as a representative of the organization whose name appears on the letterhead. At this meeting a booklet entitled, Fifth Column in Washington, was read. The booklet was written by Kamp and published by the League mentioned above.

"I don't know whether or not you are familiar with this publication. It sounded too "pat" to be true, and its implications were a little too broad to be swallowed without investigation. However, the document did everything possible to undermine public faith in the President and Washington officials.

"If the League and Mr. Kamp are above reproach and their information is valid, then I shall drop the matter. If not, about two hundred people who were 'taken in' should be dis-

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abused of a lot of false information.

"If you cannot give me this information, will you refer me to an impartial source.

"Thank you for your consideration.

Signed/WILLIAM DIENSTEIN"

This letter indicates that there has been some activity on the part of the Constitutional Educational League in the Taft area but no further investigation is being conducted in this matter unless specifically requested by the office of origin and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

-REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN-

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **New Haven, Conn.**

FILE NO. **100-143 MS**

REPORT MADE AT Buffalo, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/12/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/13; 5/10/41	REPORT MADE BY DAVID A. SILVER
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G)
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>One MURPHY, a field man for League's publications, distributed pamphlets at Y.M.C.A. in Buffalo and spoke in October 1940 before group of business and clergymen on Fifth Column activities in United States. He made wild statements that there are many government officials who are Fifth Columnists. GEORGE H. MARKHAM, Executive Secretary, Business and Civic Association of Tonawandas, Inc., North Tonawanda, N.Y. advises he received pamphlets and circulars from League. Informant #2 advised him that League is fact finding movement concerning workings of Communists and in the Alien Red Movements, and disseminates this information to the public.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-1-81 BY 3966/3/ELW/DAK</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, Jr., New Haven, Conn. dated 3/1/41.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On August 19, 1940 Mr. H. W. LARGE, Executive of the Downtown Y.M.C.A. at Buffalo, N.Y. called at the Buffalo office and requested that an agent interview him with regard to a magazine called: "The Fifth Column in Washington, D.C." Accordingly,</p>			
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Special Agent JOHN F. HAY, assigned to the Buffalo Field Office at that time, proceeded to the Y.M.C.A. and there interviewed Mr. LARGE, together with Mr. H. F. ~~X~~DROLLINGER, who is an executive of the Y.M.C.A. and also the Vice President of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company at Buffalo, N.Y. In addition Mr. JOHN W. ~~X~~PONTIUS, General Executive of the Y.M.C.A. was present and interviewed. At this meeting these individuals presented Agent HAY with a copy of the magazine above described, and questioned the agent extensively on the content of this magazine. PONTIUS advised that an individual by the name of ~~X~~MURPHY had brought in a number of these books and desired to know whether or not the Y.M.C.A. would aid him in distributing them in the vicinity of Buffalo.

Special Agent HAY was advised that MURPHY was supposedly sent to the Y.M.C.A. by one DAVID ~~X~~SOWERS, the President of the Sowers Company, 1300 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. This MURPHY claimed to be a field man for this magazine and for the Constitutional Educational League of New Haven, Connecticut, the publishers of the booklet. PONTIUS went into a rather lengthy discussion of the conference with MURPHY and stated that MURPHY advised him that the public was concentrating on the activities of Communists, inasmuch as there were a great many more Communists in the Government organization, than there were Nazi, and that the Communists presented a greater present danger to the United States Government. MR. PONTIUS pointed out that this booklet contained a long list of over 500 names of supposedly Fifth Columnists in America and also pointed out the fact that Attorney General ROBERT H. JACKSON, was second on the list. Further, that there were a number of high up executives on this listing, and in regard to this the above individuals questioned Agent HAY very extensively in order to secure an opinion from him as to the truthfulness of the accusations in the book. Agent HAY attempted to impress these individuals that he was in no position to make a comment on this book, inasmuch as he had not read it, but they insisted that they needed an opinion in regard to the facts or supposed facts contained in the booklet.

Agent HAY advised these individuals that there were evidently a number of false statements in the book, but that he was not going into any discussion whatsoever of the contents. Whereupon these persons desired to know if the Buffalo Field Division would be open to them if they desired information concerning the Constitutional Educational League and they were advised that the files were open only to officials of the organization.

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Because they were advised that the Bureau files were confidential and could not be made public, they became somewhat indignant. Special Agent HAY concluded the interview by advising them to address a letter to the Director, or to have a talk with the Special Agent in Charge of the Buffalo Field Office.

On November 6, 1940 a letter was sent to the Director advising of the following information concerning the Constitutional Educational League obtained by Special Agent (A) A. C. SCHLENKER.

Agent SCHLENKER in the course of a conversation with Confidential Informant #1, was advised that the same previously mentioned MURPHY, whose first name is unknown, was due to speak before a group of business and clergymen on Fifth Column activities in this country on [redacted]. Subsequently, this informant, [redacted] advised that MURPHY was a field representative of the Constitutional Educational League of New York City, and had spoken of the danger this country was in through the activities of Fifth Columnists who were identified by MURPHY chiefly as prominent Government officials, including ROBERT H. JACKSON, Attorney General. At said meeting MURPHY distributed to the audience pamphlets entitled: "The Fifth Column in the South" and "The Fifth Column in Washington". On November 6, 1940 copies of these pamphlets were forwarded to the Bureau inasmuch as mention is made of the Director and the Bureau in each of them. There was also forwarded to the Bureau at this time a form letter signed by Mr. JOSEPH P. KAMP, Vice-Chaireman of the Constitutional Educational League, which was addressed to the members of the Rotary Club of Buffalo.

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Informant #1 advised that MURPHY [redacted] and had gone individually to several prominent businessmen to interest them in his organization and in his "message". Mr. KNOWLTON of Buffalo, a prominent businessman, was contacted by MURPHY and became so impressed with the "alarming situation" as portrayed by MURPHY that he arranged with the Pastor of his church to call a meeting, at which MURPHY might enlighten other responsible citizens. This meeting was attended by 30 or 40 local clergymen of all creeds, as well as several prominent businessmen of Buffalo, but MURPHY'S message was coldly received. Many of the audience were thoroughly angered by MURPHY'S loose talk, alarmist viewpoint, and the very evident racketeering character of the organization he represented. Informant #1 [redacted]

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Informant #1 stated that this organization, which claims to have already collected over \$600,000.00 in contributions, was primarily interested in money, and that the manner in which representatives such as MURPHY were spreading hysteria and encouraging private indiscriminate action was alarming and more dangerous than the evils preached against.

The subsequent investigation is predicated upon reference report.

AT NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y.

Mr. GEORGE H. MARKHAM, who is the Executive Secretary of the Business and Civic Association of the Tonawandas Inc., was interviewed at his office in North Tonawanda, N.Y., and upon checking his files, he advised that his sole contact with the Constitutional Educational League was the receipt in 1940-41 of various pamphlets and circulars from said organization. From his files he displayed to agent two pamphlets namely; "The Fifth Column in the South" published in 1940 by this organization and "The Fifth Column vs. The Dies Committee" published in 1941 by the same organization; said pamphlets bearing a retail price of 25¢.

In addition he displayed to agent a circular entitled: "Headlines and What's Behind Them" published by the Constitutional Educational League.

MR. MARKHAM furnished agent with the above mentioned pamphlets and a photostatic copy was made of the circular. Said circular and the pamphlet entitled: "The Fifth Column vs. The Dies Committee" are being forwarded to the Bureau for information purposes. The pamphlet entitled: "The Fifth Column in the South" is not being forwarded inasmuch as said copy has been previously forwarded in the above mentioned letter to the Bureau, and therefore is being retained in the files of the Buffalo office.

MR. MARKHAM advised that he did not solicit the aforesaid pamphlets, nor had he ever heard of the League prior to the receipt of them, and that his curiosity was aroused as to the nature and purpose of the organization.

[redacted] confidential informant #2. [redacted] MR. MARKHAM forwarded a copy of a bulletin on Communism that he had received from the League, advising that he would like to know something

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about the character of the sponsors of the organization who seem to be "hiding their light under a bushel".

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[redacted] Informant #2 advised Mr. MARKHAM "that the organization is under the active direction of Messrs. CHESTER A. HANSON and JOSEPH P. KAMP, as a fact-finding movement concerning the workings of the Communist and other alien Red Movements, and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression: i.e. newspapers, magazines, speakers, radio, etc."

Further, "in case of trouble, or threatened trouble, it has on several occasions tried to inform the public, through the press and through patriotic organizations, as to what the movement was and who was behind it. The League claims to have a very accurate file of people identified with the Communist organization, and to keep close track of Communistic activities. This is the statement made by Chester A. Hanson, who is the Executive Secretary."

The communication concluded with the statement: "We have contacted the various sources of information and have found that they are inclined to be cordial to the association."

Enclosed in this communication from informant #2 [redacted] the Constitutional Educational League, which [redacted] its contents were noted to be pertinent and are being set forth as follows:

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"The Constitutional Educational League with headquarters at New Haven was organized about 20 years ago. Executive offices are at New Haven, First National Bank Building. Principal offices for research, providing of speakers and editorial material are at 15 W. 44th Street, New York City. A southern department is located at the Protected Life Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

"The organization is non-political and non-profitable in purpose. The executive head of the association refers us to the National Metal Trades Association, National Founders Association, Connecticut State Manufacturers Association and almost any state manufacturers' association as well as the National Manufacturers Association, New York City.

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"The Solicitation Department of the Boston Chamber of Commerce is familiar with the association and its purpose and favorable comments have been made by Charles Hook, president of the American Rolling Mills. Because of the senatorial investigations which have been made of many associations which had the confidence and support of associations such as the manufacturers' groups, officers of the Constitutional Education League resigned, it is claimed, about two years ago when the league was incorporated for the protection of its members.



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MR. MARKHAM advised that he had no further information concerning the Constitutional Educational League.



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ENCLOSURES: FOR THE BUREAU

Booklet entitled: "The Fifth Column vs. The Dies Committee."
Pamphlet entitled: "Bulletin - Headlines and What's Behind Them".

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THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

AT BUFFALO, N. Y.

Will interview DAVID SOWERS, President of the Sowers Manufacturing Co., 1300 Niagara Street, for all information he may have concerning the League. Will also probe into his acquaintance with MURPHY.

- * Will contact the Chamber of Commerce and develop information as to the extent subject organization has been soliciting.

AT ELMIRA, NEW YORK

- * Will contact the Chamber of Commerce and develop information as to the extent subject organization has been soliciting.

AT JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK

- * Will similarly contact the Chamber of Commerce.

AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

- * Will contact Mr. A. P. MOODY, Secretary, Solicitations Committee, Chamber of Commerce, to determine what information he has concerning the Constitutional Educational League. Will particularly determine the person making the solicitation, the amount of solicitation obtained and the purpose of solicitation.

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In regard to the above mentioned report submitted by Special Agent DAVID A. SILVER, Buffalo, N.Y., June 12, 1941, the confidential informants are as follows:

Confidential Informant #1 is

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Confidential Informant #2 is

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No. 6

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New Haven, Conn.

"TELL THEM (You and You and You) TO GO TO HELL"



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Paul Sifton

Andrews Makes Sifton His Wage-Hour Deputy

Brings His Former State Assistant With Him to Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP).—F. J. Andrews, Wage-Hour Administrator, has named Paul Sifton, his former state assistant, as his deputy in the new federal department.

SAID PAUL SIFTON, DEPUTY WAGES AND HOURS ADMINISTRATOR, WRITING FOR THE COMMUNIST MAGAZINE "FIGHT" IN ITS FIRST ISSUE. "THE WHOLE CAPITALIST SHELL GAME (MEANING THE AMERICAN SYSTEM) CAN SINK AND BE DAMNED," HE TOLD HIS RED COMRADES. OTHER ARTICLES IN THE SAME ISSUE WERE BY BARBUSSE, THE FRENCH COMMUNIST, MARTIN KAYE, WELL KNOWN AMERICAN COMMUNIST, STRACHEY, THE ENGLISH COMMUNIST, NEGRO LANGSTON HUGHES, COMMUNIST POET, AND ROGER BALDWIN, WHO SAYS "COMMUNISM IS THE GOAL."

You do the leading; set the Fat Boys back on their bottoms and keep them there; keep them blocking; keep them creaking; don't let them tie you up with their bull about Patriotism.

train-load of waste paper; tell them they and their fancy pieces of paper and the whole capitalist shell game can sink and be damned.

Tell them that we've got another war on, closer home, a war to establish workers' peace, a workers' government (They know this anyway, but they hate to be told)

If you want to make it copy, just tell them that workers have been played for naps long enough. Tell them to go to hell! Then

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"TELL THEM WE'VE GOT ANOTHER WAR ON...A WAR TO ESTABLISH... A WORKERS' GOVERNMENT"!

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REVOLUTIONIST

NEW THEATRE

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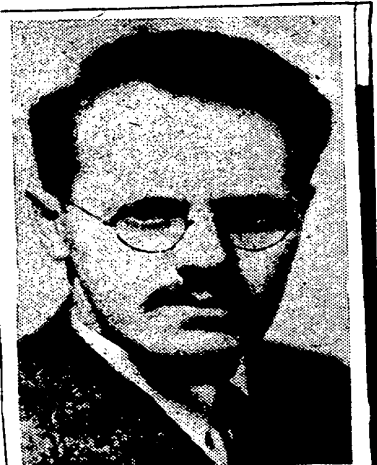
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Brings His Former State Assistant With Him to Capital
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP).—

"TELL THEM WE'VE GOT ANOTHER WAR ON...A WAR TO ESTABLISH... A WORKERS' GOVERNMENT"!

A REAL MOSCOW REVOLUTIONIST

In 1934 when Sifton was appointed as publications director of the New York State Labor Department he was an editor of the Communist "NEW THEATRE" magazine in which it is stated; "The group operating the magazine is the SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF REVOLUTIONARY THEATRES, with headquarters in MOSCOW."

In 1935, on January 22nd, he signed a call for the Communist-sponsored American Writers' Congress. Two days later, while he was picketing in New York, his appointment as Assistant Industrial Commissioner was announced.

In 1936 he wrote a propaganda play which was printed in the Communist "NEW THEATRE" magazine.

In 1937 while still a member of the National Advisory Council

NEW THEATRE

Organ of the League of Workers Theatres of the U.S.A. (Section of the International Union of the Revolutionary Theatre), Workers Dance League, and National Film and Photo League.

EDITORIAL BOARD

BEN BLAKE Managing Editor
LEON BLOCH Managing Editor

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CHARLES DIBNER Art

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Michael Blankfort
Anita Block
Samuel Brody
Nathaniel Buchwald
Lee Strassberg
Erwin Piscator
Gustav Wangerheim

of the Communist New Theatre League he was appointed Administrator of the Labor Department in Charge of unemployment insurance.

In 1938, according to testimony he gave before a legislative investigating committee in March, 1939, he knew about the circulation of subversive literature "issued by the Communist Party Members in the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance" among the State Em-

ployees in his own department; that the inter-office mailing system in the State office building had been used by the Reds to disseminate their propaganda; and that the office list of employees had been utilized to mail circulars and leaflets to their homes. Sifton also testified that he had done nothing to "stamp out" these subversive activities.

IS THIS PERJURY?

When confronted with the "FIGHT" article, quoted above, he testified under oath that he had changed his views about overthrowing the capitalist system in this country when, in 1934, he was first appointed to the Labor Department.

\$1,000 REWARD

Will Be Paid If Any Information In This Bulletin Is Proven Untrue

Additional copies of this and other pamphlets may be had upon request.

—and he's on your payroll!!

NOTE TO THE UNEMPLOYED:

Why should this Red agitator of the class war have a good Government job paying more than \$30 a day (and get a \$1,000 raise in 6 months) while you who believe in America are forced to go on relief?

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FILE NO. **100-627**

REPORT MADE AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	DATE WHEN MADE 6-5-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-21-41	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES E. APPLE FR
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject has made no attempt to solicit funds in Provo, Utah.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. W. BUTLER, JR., dated 5-20-41 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

DETAILS: AT PROVO, UTAH

Informant 1 advised that the Chamber of Commerce in Provo investigates organizations which solicit funds in that city, but that subject organization has never been referred to the Chamber of Commerce for investigation and Informant 1 had never heard of such an organization.

Informant 1 further advised that there is no other business men's association in Provo, and that all investigations of this nature are made by the Chamber of Commerce.

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SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT OGDEN, UTAH

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Will contact the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA

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Will contact the Secretary of State of Nevada to determine if the Constitutional League Inc. is registered in that state.

Will also contact the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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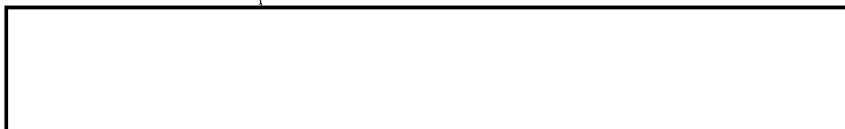
AT RENO, NEVADA

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DATE 1-7-01 BY 39063 EAD-JAR/AL

Special Agent in Charge
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE,
INCORPORATED, ET AL.;
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

There are attached hereto copies of a memorandum dated June 6, 1941, and enclosures, addressed to the Bureau by Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge, regarding the above-captioned organization. It will be noted that the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice does not desire any further investigation of this matter at the present time and in accordance with the previous Bureau letter in this regard, it is requested that your office as the office of origin notify all of the other offices with outstanding leads to discontinue the investigation.

Until further advice is received from the Bureau, it is not desired that any inquiries whatsoever be made regarding the above-captioned organization or the persons affiliated with it. However, in the event information is submitted to you, it is suggested that it be brought to the attention of the Bureau for informative purposes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Drayton _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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FILE NO. **100-493**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 6/8/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/3/41	REPORT MADE BY S. M. WOLF
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Subjects unknown to Fort Worth, Texas, Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RICHARD E. SMITH, Dallas, Texas, dated March 26, 1941.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mr. M. M. MURRAY, Manager, Membership and Finance Divisions, Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth, Texas, after appropriate inquiry, could elicit no information to the effect that his Chamber of Commerce has ever received any inquiries or has ever had anything at all on the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., or any of the other subjects of this case.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MURRAY was able to develop nothing indicating there had been any soliciting on behalf of or by the above organization in Fort Worth, Texas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN -</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> 1-1701 39063 EUN-TAR-16 </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> COPIES DESTROYED R 171 JUN 20 1961 </div>			
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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject organization not registered in Puerto Rico.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR. New Haven, Connecticut dated 3-1-41.</p> <p>DETAILS: Appropriate inquiry through the Chamber of Commerce in Puerto Rico and Executive Secretary Office of the Governor wherein all like organizations would be registered and any information that would be officially known would be filed, reveals that the subject organization has not been registered in Puerto Rico and no information concerning it was obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN</u></p>				
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- ☐ Italian Fascist Centers
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- ☐ Communist Training Camps
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MR. KAMP, a well-known magazine and newspaper editor, knows more about the underground and behind-the-scenes activities of the Fifth Column in America than the Department of Justice, the F.B.I. and the Dies Committee put together. Investigating and exposing subversive elements has been his principal work for twenty-one years.

The truth of the facts he set forth four years ago in his widely read book "Join the CIO . . . and help build a SOVIET AMERICA" are now being attested by President Roosevelt, Attorney General Jackson, Congressman Dies, President Green of the A. F. of L., and many others.

His courageous and amazing expose: "The FIFTH COLUMN in Washington" was 1940's best seller. Other recent works from his pen include: "The FIFTH COLUMN in the South," "The FIFTH COLUMN Stops Defense," and "The FIFTH COLUMN vs. the Dies Committee."

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When Homer Chaillaux, National Americanism Director of the American Legion, in the recent book "Whither America?", wrote "the inside story of the Fifth Column, from American Legion secret files" he included the statement: "We acknowledge indebtedness to the researches of our good friend, Joseph P. Kamp, who for more than twenty years has been a student of subversive movements." Charles E. Clarke, author and former Assistant Corporation Counsel of New York, in a recent biography declared: "Joseph P. Kamp is recognized as the outstanding authority on subversive activities in the United States."

MAJOR GILL has won national prominence as a newspaper man, a radio commentator and a recognized expert on un-Americanisms. A former editor of both the Washington Herald and the Washington Times he was for ten years a member of House and Senate press galleries. His researches in the field of Red radicalism have resulted in the publication, from coast to coast, of more revealing stories and feature articles on the subject than have come from any other source.

Congressional and State Legislative Committees investigating subversive activities have included his charts as key exhibits in their printed proceedings. Americanism Chairmen of more than 12,000 American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts, as well as thousands of other patriotic leaders are now using his studies as a guide.

A few years ago Major Gill was the mainspring in the campaign against Communism conducted by the Hearst newspapers and the Comrades are still smarting from the vigor of his attack. In the February 14, 1941, issue of their "Party line" magazine FRIDAY they paid their latest respects, characterized him as the former "chief of the Hearst intelligence service" and accused him of being connected with numerous patriotic organizations.



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FILE NO. 100-358

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TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H.W. BENJAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Replies received from letters sent to the Secretary of State of North Dakota, Secretary of State of South Dakota, and to the Chamber of Commerce located in key cities throughout territory, reveal there is no solicitation or activity of Constitutional Educational League, Inc., in territory, and that organization is not registered in either North or South Dakota.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA</u></p> <p>As the result of replies received from letters addressed to the Secretary of the State of North Dakota, Secretary of the State of South Dakota, and to offices of the Chamber of Commerce located in key cities throughout the territory, it has been ascertained that the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc., is not registered in either North or South Dakota, and there has been no known solicitation or activity of the organization in territory covered by the Sioux Falls Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <i>1-17-01</i> <i>390031EN JAR:lk</i> </div>				
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FILE NO. **100-627**

REPORT MADE AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	DATE WHEN MADE 6-19-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/4,5,6/41	REPORT MADE BY DAN J. SULLIVAN EW
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.: JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BEN- JAMINE, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Instant organization not known to have been active in Reno, Carson City, or Las Vegas, Nevada. Not incorporated or licensed to do business in Nevada.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. W. BUTLER, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah dated 5-20-41

DETAILS: AT RENO, NEVADA

Informants D1 and D2 advised that they had not heard of the Constitutional Educational League and were quite positive that no one had been soliciting funds in Reno, Nevada for the purposes set out in reference report.

Chief of Police ANDY M. WELLS said that to the best of his knowledge that particular organization has never been active in this vicinity.

There is no Better Business Men's Bureau in the City of Reno.

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Secretary of State for the State of Nevada, MALCOLM MC EACHIN, after a perusal of the records of incorporation in his office, advised that the Constitutional Educational League had not been incorporated in the State of Nevada nor did it have a license to do business in Nevada. MC EACHIN added that he, personally, had never heard of the organization. MC EACHIN advised further that there was not a Chamber of Commerce or a Better Business Bureau in Carson City.

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Informant D3 informed that he had never heard of the instant organization and was sure that they had not operated in Carson City, Nevada within the last ten years.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. WILLIAM COULTHARD:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Contact 1 asserted that there had never been any inquiries made of the Las Vegas Retail Credit Association concerning the organization or any of the Subjects mentioned in connection therewith.

Contact 2 asserted that there had never been any inquiries made of the local Chamber of Commerce concerning the organization or any of the individuals mentioned in connection therewith.

Contact 3 and Contact 4 of the Las Vegas Police Department and the Clark County Sheriff's Office respectively asserted that there were no records concerning the organization or the individuals mentioned in either of those departments.

It will be noted there is no Better Business Bureau existing in Las Vegas, Nevada, all work ordinarily handled by such a Bureau is handled by the local credit association.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION

* AT OGDEN, UTAH

Will contact the local Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau to develop information as to the extent the Subjects have been soliciting funds in that community.

CONTACTS

INFORMANT D1:

INFORMANT D2:

INFORMANT D3:

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CONTACT 1:

CONTACT 2:

CONTACT 3:

CONTACT 4:

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONN.**

FILE NO. **65-770 SB.**

REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-23-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-7, 10, 20-41 6-12, 18-41	REPORT MADE BY CURTIS O. LYNUM
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP; W. BYRON SWARTZ; Dr. H. W. BENJAMINE; CHESTER A. HANSON; MADELYN A. CARMON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Constitutional Educational League, Inc., not registered with the Secretary of State in Alabama. Investigation disclosed no information of importance relative to league's activities at Birmingham, Ala.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., New Haven, 3-1-41.

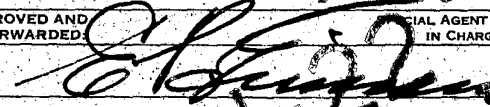
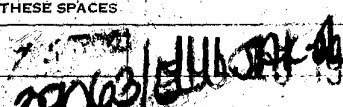
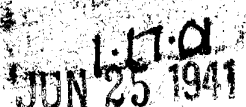

DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Henry A. Snow of the Birmingham Field Division:

Special Agent HENRY A. SNOW contacted Mr. W. C. SCOTT, Rental Agent for the First National Bank Building, who advised Agent SNOW that H. E. MILLS of the Alabama Mining Institute, Birmingham, Ala., was not officially connected with the Constitutional Educational League and he thought that Mr. MILLS was a patriotic citizen. Mr. SCOTT stated that he had known MILLS for a good while and his only connection was that he knew Miss HALL, who is head of the League's office in Birmingham. Mr. MILLS merely introduced Miss HALL to Mr. SCOTT and the office was rented to her in this way.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Robert F. Fry of the Birmingham Field Division:

Special Agent FRY contacted Mr. MILLS, of the Alabama Mining

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Institute, and he stated that he did not know where the Constitutional League was at the present time but he thought that it was probably in New York. He said that it was his opinion that this was just part of a political campaign against ROOSEVELT and that he had nothing to do with it. He stated that he has known Miss HALL for a good while and that she was formerly from Birmingham. At the present time Miss HALL was in New York and could probably be reached at the League's office there.

This Office requested Hon. JOHN BRANDON, Secretary of State, at Montgomery, Alabama, on March 7, 1941, to advise this office as to whether the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., was registered in the State of Alabama, or if the League had filed papers to do business in the State of Alabama at any time. Hon. JOHN BRANDON, Secretary of State, advised this Office that the records did not disclose the name of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., as being registered with the Secretary of State of Alabama. JOHN BRANDON further advised that the department of revenue, State of Alabama, does not disclose the name of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

On March 20, 1941, Special Agent R. J. UNTREINER reviewed the file on the Constitutional League and advised that there is no one mentioned in the file in the Birmingham territory who should be considered for Custodial Detention.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN H. DEVLIN of the Birmingham Field Division:

Special Agent DEVLIN contacted Mr. JOHN M. WARD, Secretary State Chamber of Commerce, Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Ala., who advised that he had no recollection of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., its activities or its representatives. In an effort to revive his recollection, Special Agent DEVLIN advised him that he had made written inquiry of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce concerning this organization at the time that he was serving as Industrial Division Director of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Mr. WARD advised that he had not been connected with the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce for almost four years and that although that he could remember making several inquiries during 1935 and 1936, he could not now remember about whom he had inquired nor anything about any person or group. Mr. WARD further advised that possibly there was a file in the office of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce relative to captioned organization. He suggested that L. E. FOSTER be contacted in the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Building to ascertain if there was such a file to aid in the investigation.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

Mr. L. E. FOSTER, Secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, was telephonically contacted by Agent and Mr. FOSTER advised

that he had searched the current and his closed files concerning the Constitutional Educational League but could find no record of any kind on such organization. Mr. FOSTER further stated that Mr. WARD, of the State Chamber of Commerce at Montgomery, Ala., had spoken to him about looking for a file on the above organization and that he and WARD had endeavored to locate old letters or files with negative results. Although Mr. FOSTER advised that at that time the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce may have been asked to report some organization, and they had written letters possibly on the matter but that these letters had not been kept on file, and Mr. FOSTER recalled that at that time many letters^{were} written concerning various political organizations.

In referenced report, a lead was set out for the Birmingham Field Division to contact Mr. JAMES L. DANDSON, Secretary, Alabama Mining Institute, Birmingham, Alabama, and a review of the file reflects that on March 7, 1941, Special Agent Robert F. Fry, Birmingham Field Division, interviewed Mr. H. E. MILLS, also of the Alabama Mining Institute, in connection with the Constitutional Educational League. The result of this interview was set forth in this report hereinabove. This matter was discussed with Acting Special Agent in Charge H. A. SNOW, who advised that inasmuch as though MILLS and DANDSON were connected with the same organization, it would not be necessary to contact DANDSON as requested in above mentioned reference report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION:

* Will contact Mr. JOHN D. MCKIBBEN, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Decatur, Alabama, to determine what information he has concerning the Constitutional Educational League. Will particularly determine the person making the solicitation, the amount of solicitation obtained and the purpose of the solicitation.

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Report made at NEW HAVEN, CONN.	Date made 6/28/41	Period 6/25/41	Report made by C. A. MAHAN
Title: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP; W. BYRON SWARTZ; Dr. H. W. BENJAMINE; CHESTER A. HANSON; MADELY A. CARMON			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Synopsis of facts: New Haven office advised by Bureau that Criminal Division of the Department of Justice does not desire further investigation in this matter.

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Reference: Bureau letter to the New Haven Office dated June 23, 1941.

Details: Letter of reference referred to in previous Bureau letter dated May 28, 1941 advised the New Haven Office that the facts in this case had been submitted to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice with the request that they advise us as to whether or not our further investigation in this matter is desired.

Letter of reference advised that as a result, the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice had advised the Bureau that they did not desire any further investigation, and for that reason no further action is being taken by this field division.

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TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Arizona Corporation Commission and Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Phoenix, Ariz., reflect Constitutional Educational League, Inc., have not been given a permit to operate in Arizona.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, Jr., New Haven, Connecticut, dated March 1, 1941.

DETAILS:

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA:

Inquiry through HARRY M. MOORE, Secretary of State, Phoenix, reflected that he did not have a record of the Subject organization inasmuch as the records would be in possession of the Arizona State Corporation Commission.

At the Arizona State Corporation Commission, State Capitol Building Annex, Phoenix, Arizona, inquiry reflected that the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., had not applied for or been issued, a permit to operate in the State of Arizona.

Further inquiry was made through the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, which reflected that the various Chambers of Commerce in Arizona did not keep records on organizations such as the Subject organization, and consequently there was no record available regarding Subject organization.

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REPORT MADE AT Juneau, Alaska	DATE WHEN MADE 6/20/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/20/41	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT G. BOES CMW
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. JAMES C. RYAN, Commissioner of Education, Territory of Alaska, stated he never heard of Constitutional Educational League, Inc. FRANK A. BOYLE, Auditor, Territory of Alaska, stated said corporation is not licensed to do business in Alaska. CURTIS SHATTUCK, President, and Dr. M. J. WHITTIER, Secretary, Juneau Chamber of Commerce, never heard of such corporation or received literature from same.

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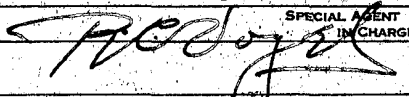
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., New Haven, Connecticut dated 3/1/41.

DETAILS: AT JUNEAU, ALASKA

Dr. JAMES C. RYAN, Commissioner of Education, Territory of Alaska, was interviewed regarding possible knowledge of the subject corporation. Dr. RYAN stated that he had never heard of Constitutional Educational League, Inc.; further that he does not recall having ever received any literature from this corporation.

FRANK A. BOYLE, Auditor, Territory of Alaska, checked his records of groups licensed to do business within the Territory and advised that the name of the subject did not appear therein.

CURTIS SHATTUCK, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Juneau, stated that he never heard of the subject corporation and did not recall having ever received any literature from the subject corporation.

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Dr. JUDSON WHITTIER, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,
Juneau, likewise stated that he never heard of the subject and does
not recall having ever received any literature from the subject
corporation.

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION LEAGUE, INC.; et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE JUNEAU FIELD DIVISION

AT KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Will contact the appropriate Chamber of Commerce officials and ascertain if these officials have ever heard of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. or have ever received any literature therefrom.

AT FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Will contact the appropriate Chamber of Commerce officials and ascertain if these officials have ever heard of the Constitutional Education League, Inc. or have ever received any literature therefrom.

AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Will contact the appropriate Chamber of Commerce officials and ascertain if these officials have ever heard of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. or have ever received any literature therefrom.

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Director
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Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL
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Internal Security - G.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter dated July 7, 1941, in the above entitled matter, the attention of the Bureau is called to the report of Special Agent C. A. Mahan dated June 28, 1941, at New Haven, Connecticut, copies of which were furnished to each field office in the country, advising that in accord with instructions contained in Bureau letter dated June 23, 1941, no further investigation in instant matter was desired by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. J. McGuire

J. J. McGuire,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FILE NO. 100-2278

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 7/8/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/30/41	REPORT MADE BY H. H. McKEE MC
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP; W. BYRON SWARTZ; Dr. H. W. BENJAMINE; CHESTER A. HANSON; MADELY A. CARMON.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

EDWARD A. BROWNE of Neah Bay, Washington, states CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE was brought to his attention in 1937; that in the Spring of 1938 he received pamphlets stating that JOHN L. LEWIS was a Communist, and that the C. I. O. was completely controlled by the Communist Party; that he wrote the Chamber of Commerce of New Haven, Connecticut for information concerning this League, and that he knows of no-one affiliated with this League, and knows of no solicitations made in their behalf.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., New Haven, Connecticut, dated 3/1/41.

DETAILS:

On April 9, 1941 Sheriff CHARLES W. KEMP of Port Angeles, Washington was requested by letter to interview Mr. EDWARD A. BROWNE, President of the local 73, I. W. of A, Sail River Camp, to determine what information he has concerning the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, as was set out in undeveloped lead in reference report.

Apparently, this letter of request was given Mr. BROWNE by the Sheriff, because, under date of April 28, 1941 the Seattle Field Division received a letter from Mr. BROWNE, dated 4/25/41, which enclosed the original of the letter forwarded the Sheriff by the Seattle Field Division.

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This letter from Mr. BROWNE is quoted as follows:

"THE AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
Hartford, Connecticut

4/25/41

"A. CORNELIUS, JR.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Re your letter of 4/9/41 to CHAS. KEMP,
Sheriff of Clallam County in re
EDWARD A. A. BROWNE
Refer your file # 100-2278.

"I believe it was in the fall of 1937 that the Constitutional Educational League was brought to my attention. It came about in the following manner:

"I was president of the Local Union here that had been formerly # 2792 of the CARPENTERS AND JOINERS NATIONAL UNION AFL. I had been one of the delegates sent from here to the organizational convention of the IWA at Tacoma in July, 1937. I had returned home and recommended to the boys that they transfer to the IWA. This was done and I was continued as president.

"Later that fall, or possibly the next spring, there were some circular pamphlets sent to some of the boys here thru the mail by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE entitled, as I remember, "JOHN L. LEWIS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY", and "THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE CIO". The general sense of the pamphlets being that LEWIS was a Communist and that the CIO was completely controlled by and for the Communist Party. Naturally I was rather upset about it and attempted to find out who was responsible for the pamphlets. There was nothing on them but the name of the league and New Haven, Conn.

"I wrote to the Chamber of Commerce of New Haven asking for information, particularly as to the people behind the league. My letter was answered by the Chamber and a list of the people supposedly the Directors of the league was contained therein. The people, only one that I can remember, were all seemingly people of good local repute. The one that I remember particularly was a retired Judge of the local or state courts. I thereupon dropped the matter as there were, to my knowledge, no more of the pamphlets sent to any one here.

"I have looked for the letter that I had from the New Haven C of C but cannot find it.

"I know of no one affiliated with the League, nor of any solicitations made in their behalf. In fact I know nothing about the set-up except as I have stated above.

"To bear out my statement that I have been interested in trying to clean up the CPs in the labor unions for some time I suggest that you interview PAUL R. GREEN, the General Agent for AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO. in Seattle. He is one of my bosses in the insurance business and he has letters in his files that I wrote him about two years ago on this same matter that will substantiate my statements. As you probably know, I also have a little insurance business besides working for the WASHINGTON PULP & PAPER CORP."

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN CONNECTICUT**

FILE NO. **100-349**

REPORT MADE AT Springfield, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE <i>h</i> 7/12/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/10, 28 6/5/41	REPORT MADE BY J. S. P. WILSON, JR. JSPW:FM
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.: JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMIN, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. DON S. FOSTER, Secretary-Manager, Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Belleville, Illinois, states he has no knowledge of the existence of the Constitutional Educational League in Belleville, Illinois nor of anyone making solicitations for this organization. Mr. FOSTER contacted several persons who would know if such an organization existed in Belleville, Illinois but with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. U. C.</p> <p>REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., New Haven, Connecticut, dated 3/1/41. Report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4/30/41. Letter from Special Agent in Charge, J. J. McGUIRE, New Haven, Connecticut to E. J. CONNELLEY, Assistant Director, New York, New York, dated June 19, 1941.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS Interview was had with Mr. DON S. FOSTER, Secretary-Manager of the Belleville, Illinois Chamber of Commerce who advised that he had no knowledge of an organization named the Constitutional Educational League being in existence in that city, nor did he know of anyone making solicitations for such an organization. Mr. FOSTER stated that he was not familiar with the facts surrounding the inquiry made of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, Lansing, Michigan by the Belleville, Illinois Chamber of Commerce on October 2, 1941 concerning this organization and an individual making solicitations for same. He stated that at the time this inquiry was made he was not connected with the Belleville, Illinois Chamber of Commerce and that a Mr. T. F. McCARTNEY was Secretary-Manager. Mr. FOSTER stated that Mr.</p>			
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McCartney is presently operating a Hotel in Metropolis, Illinois and could probably furnish information concerning the above mentioned inquiry.

Mr. FOSTER telephonically contacted several individuals, whom he stated would know if such an organization existed in Belleville, or whether any one was presently soliciting funds for such an organization, but upon making these contacts Mr. FOSTER received only negative information.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. A. Temple at Springfield, Illinois:

WM. G. Stone, Clerk in Corporation Division, office of Secretary of State of Illinois, telephonically advised that instant organization not incorporated in the state of Illinois.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

DETROIT FILE NO. **100-1499**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 7/15/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/12/41	REPORT MADE BY CLIFTON W. WHALING BIE
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMIN, CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] who inquired of New Haven, Connecticut, Chamber of Commerce for information concerning Subject organization, stated he was not solicited for funds. His attention first directed to Constitutional Educational League, Inc., when he read its publication, "Join the C.I.O. and Have a Soviet America." [redacted] and [redacted] ordered copies this publication for plant officials. Propaganda later received from Constitutional Educational League was identical with propaganda in possession of CONRAD ERICKSON, leader of Silver Shirt movement at Lansing, Michigan. Subject organization unknown to Chamber of Commerce, Detroit, Michigan, and is not registered with Secretary of State. Case referred upon completion to office of origin on authority Bureau letter May 28, 1941 to New Haven office.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., dated March 1, 1941, New Haven, Connecticut;
Report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY, dated April 30, 1941, Chicago, Illinois.

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DETAILS: AT LANSING, MICHIGAN:

[redacted]
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[redacted] is employed as [redacted]
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[redacted] Detroit Field Division, related that his attention was first directed to the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., when he read a published which he had received from an unknown source entitled, "Join the C.I.O. and have a Soviet America." This publication, according to [redacted] criticized the C.I.O. and JOHN L. LEWIS and pointed out possible catastrophic results of the growth of that organization. Believing that this document might be of interest to various superintendents and foremen in his shop, [redacted] \$12.60 for 175 copies of the booklet. To the best of his recollection the booklet in question stated that further copies thereof would be mailed upon the receipt of funds therefor. This publication first came to [redacted] attention some time in the [redacted] according to his memory, and prior to ordering copies of this publication from the Constitutional Educational League, he directed a letter to the Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut, on [redacted] requesting information concerning JOSEPH K. KAMP, author of the abovementioned publication, and requesting further information as to whether the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. was truly an American organization fighting Communism. [redacted] was of the opinion that he received a letter, which appeared to be a form letter of some sort, in reply to his inquiry of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

[redacted] continued by stating that for some time after ordering the copies of the abovementioned publication from the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. he received samples of their literature through the mail; that he was not at any time contacted directly by a representative of this organization or anyone purporting to be a representative thereof, and that he was not solicited for funds. The nearest thing to solicitation for funds made to [redacted] was the customary statements appearing in the various releases of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. to the effect that in the

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event funds were mailed to the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., additional copies of their propaganda could be secured.

[redacted] further advised that some time during the latter part of 1938, or the early months of 1939, he was contacted on several occasions by one CONRAD ERICKSON, of 229 East St. Joseph Street, Lansing, Michigan, who visited [redacted] giving him literature of a definitely anti-Jewish type. ERICKSON later told [redacted] that he was district organizer for Pelley's Silver Shirts in the Lansing area. [redacted] was unable to recall definitely the type of literature given to him by ERICKSON but stated that some of the literature given to him by ERICKSON was identical with leaflets he received at various times from the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. [redacted] was positive that ERICKSON had in his possession at least one copy of "Join the C.I.O. and have a Soviet America" and another release entitled, "Hell in Herrin," copies of both publications [redacted] had also received from the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

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CONRAD ERICKSON is known to the Detroit Field Division as having been at one time actively associated with the Silver Shirt movement, as indicated by the report of Special Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE, dated December 31, 1939, Charlotte, North Carolina, in the case entitled, "WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, Libel," Detroit file No. 61-9. He is also mentioned in the case entitled, "German Activities in the United States," Detroit file No. 65-88, and the case entitled, "Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.", Detroit File No. 65-24.

In response to a letter of the Detroit Field Division, information was received from the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission, Lansing, Michigan, stating that they have no record of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. ever having been authorized to do business as a corporation in the State of Michigan. However, the records of that Commission indicated that a corporation known as the Constitutional American League, of 701 Majestic Building, Detroit, Michigan, filed articles of incorporation July 18, 1935.

(Detroit file No. 100-1499)

The charter of the Constitutional American League was voided September 1, 1936 because of failure by the organization to comply with the State statute.

On March 11, 1941, Special Agent EDWARD B. STANTON contacted Mr. HARRY L. SHEARER, Detroit Board of Commerce, for the purpose of determining whether that organization had any information concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. Mr. SHEARER very carefully checked his files and ascertained that he had no information of any nature concerning Subject organization.

By letter dated June 19, 1941, from the New Haven office to Mr. E. J. CONNELLEY, Assistant Director, New York City, copy of which was received by the Detroit office, information was given that the Bureau had requested instant investigation be discontinued and the case carried in a closed status pending further Bureau advice. In the letter of June 19, 1941, it was indicated that the Bureau letter was under date of May 28, 1941, to the New Haven Office. Instant case is, therefore, being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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FILE NO. **100-1018**

REPORT MADE AT Baltimore, Md.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-16-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-17; 5-2, 5, -41	REPORT MADE BY C. F. ALDEN V
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No indication in Annapolis and Baltimore, Md. of any activity on the part of subject corporation.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., dated 3-1-41 at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS:

AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Reporting agent contacted the informant carried herein as Informant Number 1 for [REDACTED]

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Reporting agent contacted Informants carried herein as Informants 2, 3, and 4, for [REDACTED]

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THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION
AT DOVER, DELAWARE

Will contact the Secretary of State to determine if subject organization is registered.

Will contact the Chamber of Commerce for the State of Delaware and develop any information available as to the extent subject organization has been soliciting in Continental United States and its possessions.

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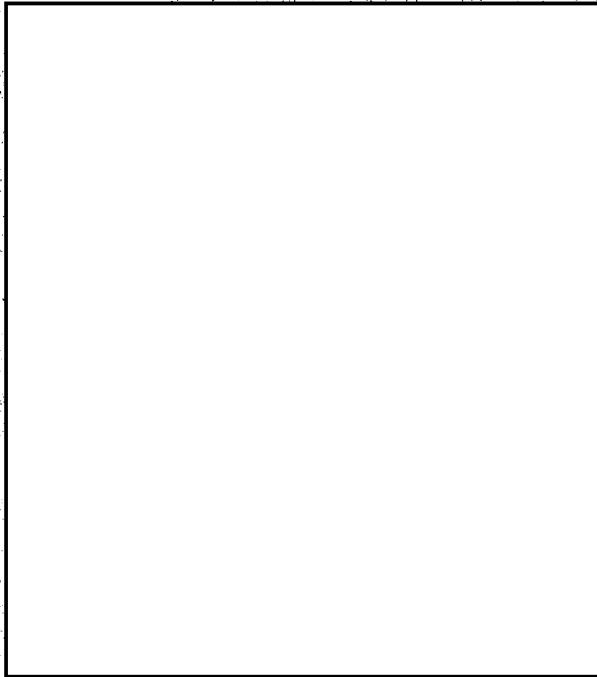
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FILE NO. **100-825**

REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-12-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-10; 5-23; 6-27-41	REPORT MADE BY M. R. FLYNN
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP; W. BYRON SWARTZ; Dr. H. W. BENJAMINE; CHESTER A. HANSON; MADELY A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No evidence of any organization of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., in Pittsburgh. Chamber of Commerce has received pamphlets and literature at various intervals.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. A. Mahan, New Haven, Conn., dated 6-28-41.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agent W. F. BILLINGS and the writer.

Reference is made to the letter from the New Haven Field Division to Mr. E. J. CONNELLEY, dated June 19, 1941, a copy of which was received at the Pittsburgh office, which advised that the Bureau requested by letter of May 28, 1941 that the New Haven office discontinue investigation in the above entitled matter and to carry same in a closed status pending further advice from the Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. F. BILLINGS.

At the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh, Pa., MR. D. J. HOWARD, Manager of Public Affairs, stated that so far as he knows the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., has no organizations in Pittsburgh or vicinity; however, he had some correspondence with the League at one time. This correspondence had been in relation to the

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prices of various pamphlets published by the League and has not had to do with organization possibilities in Pittsburgh. Mr. HOWARD stated that various booklets have been furnished him as samples by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., and that he could furnish copies thereof for the Bureau's information. He furnished two pamphlets, one entitled "The Fifth Column in the South" and the other entitled "The Fifth Column vs. the Dies Committee" and a bulletin entitled "Headlines Bulletin" #8, all published by the above League. The pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column in the South" is a treatise setting forth the supposed Communists who have pervaded the South and touches at some length upon Mrs. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT'S associations with them. The pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column vs. the Dies Committee" concerns itself with a discussion of the Dies Committee as opposed to the Department of Justice and makes repeated insinuations that Attorney General JACKSON is a Communist sympathizer or a "Red Baiter."

MR. HOWARD was recontacted by the writer and stated that he had received only one more piece of literature from the League up to the present time. This literature was a pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column Stops Defense" and concerned itself with accusations that the Fifth Column has impeded national defense through means of the CIO and other labor organizations.

No other evidence of organization of the League has been received in the Pittsburgh office.

ENCLOSURES:

To the Bureau

1. Pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column Stops Defense."
2. Pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column vs. the Dies Committee."
3. Pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column in the South."

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Special Agent in Charge
New Haven, Connecticut

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL
LEAGUE, INCORPORATED, ET AL;
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 28, 1941, in the above captioned matter, wherein your office was advised to discontinue the investigation in instant case and to place this case in a closed status. You were also instructed to review your files and advise all auxiliary offices to discontinue investigation pending further advice from your office.

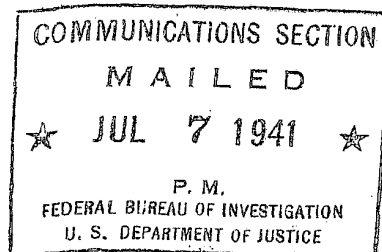
The Bureau notes that investigative reports are being received from the auxiliary offices at the present time, and you are instructed to advise the Bureau whether you have complied with the instructions contained in Bureau letter of May 28, 1941. If your office has not as yet advised the auxiliary offices to discontinue investigation, this should be done at once and the Bureau advised when this matter has been taken care of.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FILE NO. 100-1018

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TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP, ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject organization in the State of Delaware unknown.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent O. H. HAGE, JR., dated March 1, 1941 at New Haven, Connecticut.

Report of C. F. AIDEN dated July 16, 1941 at Baltimore, Maryland.

DETAILS:

AT WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. S. MILLER.

The agent telephonically communicated with Informant #1 to learn that subject corporation was not incorporated to do business in the State of Delaware.

Agent contacted Informant #2 to learn that nothing [redacted] pertaining to subject corporation. This Informant further advised that he was sure that if this corporation had been soliciting funds from citizens of Wilmington, Delaware, [redacted]

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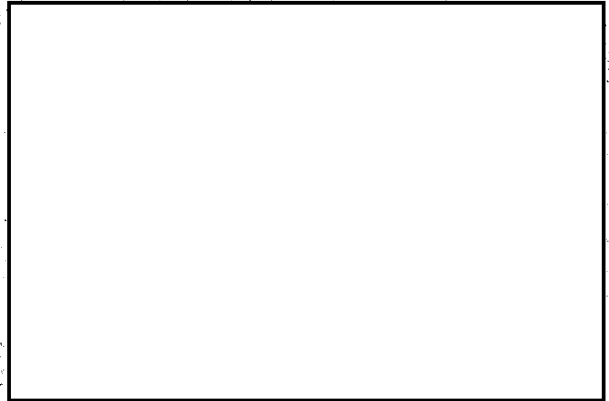
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

FILE NO. **100-728 VMB/MEM**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/1/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/14, 15, 20/41 1/2, 9, 15, 16/41	REPORT MADE BY JOHN K. ANTHONY, JR.
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; 5-26-41 JOSEPH P. KAMP, W. BYRON SWARTZ, DR. H. W. BENJAMINE CHESTER A. HANSON, MADELYN A. CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. PIERCE HALEY, Boston Chamber of Commerce, advises organization contacted him by mail, requesting permission to solicit funds and operate in this vicinity. Also stated that Mr. JOSEPH A. BURKE, Boston, Mass., would be representative of that organization from Mass., but BURKE later severed connections with organization. Mr. E. J. ARNOLD, Waltham, Mass., Chamber of Commerce, advises he is not familiar with the organization. Instant organization, through its representatives Dr. H. W. BENJAMIN and DENNIS QUINN, have solicited considerable funds from banks and large manufacturers in Western Mass. Copies of letters and receipts obtained and forwarded to office of origin. Some solicitation made by Dr. BENJAMIN on behalf of the League for the Investigation of Nazi, Fascist and Communist Propaganda in U.S.A. of which he is Treasurer. Examination of files of Mr. W. E. BRIDGER, Treasurer of Tyer Rubber Co., Andover, Mass., reveals that by letter dated 9/11/37, he wrote to the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Conn., inquiring concerning subject organization which approached him relative to the making of a contribution in connection with its distribution of patriotic literature. The New Haven Chamber of Commerce replied by letter dated 9/23/37. The individual who made the solicitation left a card showing he was JOSEPH A. BURKE, Publicity Director for Mass., 130 Sutherland Road, Boston, Mass. Phone Longwood 0642.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. Hage, Jr. New Haven, Conn., dated 3/1/41.
 Report of Special Agent C. A. Mahan, New Haven, Conn., dated 6/28/41.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. A. PITTMAN:

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AT BOSTON, MASS.

MR. PIERCE HALEY, Boston Chamber of Commerce, 75 Federal Street, Boston, advised that his file contained some of the literature and books which the instant organization had published and that most of his correspondence had been done by mail but that on one occasion Mr. CHESTER A. HANSON came to his office and stated that Mr. JOE A. BURKE, 130 Sutherland Road, Boston, would be the League's representative for the Massachusetts area. However, Mr. HALEY stated that he had a communication from the League, stating that BURKE was not connected with the organization any longer. That letter was dated May 13, 1938. Mr. HALEY advised that BURKE was a promoter and a shake-down artist and that he was formerly a Publicity Director for the Massachusetts District for the distribution of "Key to the Constitution" by FRANCIS CLAY HARLEY. Mr. HALEY stated that his racket was to get books and papers on national defense and then make a deal with a certain school or civic organization to furnish these books free of charge and then he approaches the people in the community in order to get contributions to pay for these books; and that on one instance in Newton, Massachusetts, which he knew, Mr. BURKE made a profit of \$4,000 which he split with the newspaper that was sponsoring this promotion scheme. Mr. BURKE was also known to operate in Brookline and Cambridge, namely for the newspaper "Cambridge Sentinel". Mr. HALEY stated that as far as he knew the organization was to help combat subversive activities by exposing those who were known to be Communists or Fascists by acting as clearing house with numerous files of members consisting of names, backgrounds of persons known to have un-American sympathies.

AT WALTHAM, MASS.

[redacted] Chamber of Commerce [redacted] advised Agent that he knew very little about the organization but that he had some communication with the organization [redacted] At the same time, he said that he must not have been very much impressed with it [redacted]

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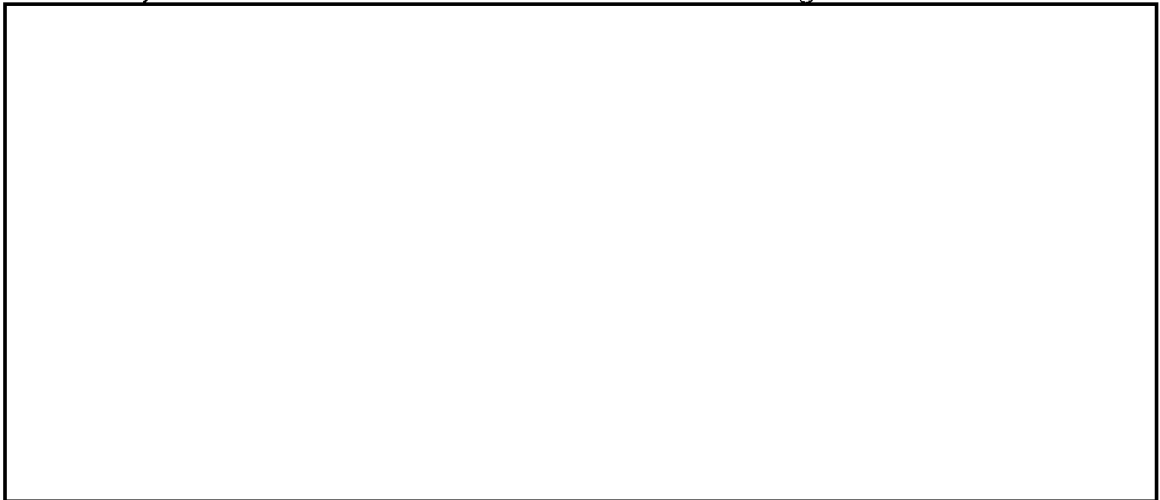
[redacted] New Haven Field Division. [redacted] stated that he did not recall or have [redacted] regarding instant League.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN K. ANTHONY, JR.:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

MR. HARRY G. GREEN, Vice-president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, 134 Chestnut, Springfield, was contacted for information regarding the extent of the solicitation of funds in the vicinity of Springfield by the Constitutional Educational League. He stated that he did not believe that

the league had made many solicitations in Springfield as he could only recall one inquiry as to their background. This inquiry came from Mr. B. A. McDONALD, formerly with Scott's Laundry, Springfield, Mass., who is now a resident of 55 Carlton St., Cambridge, Mass. On the strength of this inquiry, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce had written to the Chamber of Commerce, at New Haven for information about the League and had received



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On 11/28/39, a letter was written, a copy of which is in the Chamber of Commerce file, to Mr. T. A. NORMAN, New England Metal Culvert Corp., Palmer, Mass., in response to an inquiry as to the Constitutional League. The letter in substance is as follows: "The organization about which you inquire has recently been checked upon by the writer through the New Haven Chamber of Commerce. As far as the organization goes, I am given to understand it has a good reputation as a fact-finding movement concerning Communism and alien movements and in the dissemination of information. The New Haven Chamber of Commerce gives them a clean bill of health as far as our records show. With reference to actual solicitations I must tell you the Solicitations Committee of this Chamber of Commerce has not acted upon any request and we have not had any request from any representative of the Constitutional League to endorse their activities." This letter was signed by HARRY G. GREEN, Chairman of Solicitations Committee, Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Colonel FREDERICK W. PAYNE, Hartford District Ordnance Section, U. S. Army, 95 State St., Springfield, Mass., advised that he was formerly manager of the Greenfield Tap & Die Co., at Greenfield, Mass.; that Dr. H. W. BENJAMIN used to come around several years ago for solicitations to the Constitutional

League but had not been there for several years prior to his departure from the firm in July 1940. He is positive that his firm had not contributed anything to the League for at least three or four years. He stated that he understood the organization was backed by a respectable judge and other good people of New Haven and was founded for a good purpose. Colonel Payne stated that he did not think the League had ever collected as much as \$500 in the vicinity of Greenfield, Mass.

AT WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. GLENN B. COWLES, Secretary of the Westfield, Mass. Chamber of Commerce, advised that he had been connected with the Chamber for many years; that he had never heard of any solicitations being made by the Constitutional League in the vicinity of Westfield, Mass. The file of the Chamber contained no correspondence relating to the League.

Mr. THEO NORMAN, president and manager of the New England Metal Culvert Co., Palmer, Mass., stated that his firm had made at least three contributions to the Constitutional League through Dr. H. W. BENJAMIN and one through DENNIS QUINN. He produced three receipts described as follows:

\$20 contributed 5/14/37 to Const. Ed. League signed by Dr. Benjamin.
\$20 contributed 3/8/38 to the Const. Ed. League signed by Dr. Benjamin,
\$20 contributed 11/22/38 to the League signed by Dennis Quinn.

These receipts were turned over to Agent upon a signed receipt for same and are being forwarded to the New Haven office with the request that they be returned to this office when they have served their purpose.

Mr. E. R. SCUDDER, manager of Jarvis & Jarvis, Palmer, Mass., stated that his firm had contributed to Dr. BENJAMIN who had represented himself as a wealthy retired business man devoting himself for patriotic reasons to the work of the League. The contributions had been small and as he recalled, they had given him \$10 in 1937, \$10 in 1938, and on October 24, 1939, a receipt in the file reflected a \$10 contribution by the firm to Dr. H. W. BENJAMIN, treasurer of the League for Investigation of Nazi, Fascist and Communist Propaganda in U. S. A., Box 252 West Hartford, Conn. A printed page setting for the purpose of this organization accompanied the receipt and this was given to Agent. Also, a letter dated 12/28/39 written to the firm by the League signed by CHESTER HANSON, secretary treasurer, advising that Dr. H. W. BENJAMIN was no longer connected with the League inasmuch as certain irregularities were discovered and his services had been dispensed with ten and one-half months previously, was given to Agent. Both of these pieces of material are being forwarded to the Office of Origin.

Mr. A. B. RATHBONE, president of A. B. & J. Rathbone Mfg. Co., Palmer, Mass., stated that he had contributed several years to Dr. BENJAMIN and the Constitutional League. A search through his books revealed the following contributions:

1/13/39 \$25; 5/8/38, \$25; 5/14/37; \$25.

He stated that last year in 1940 another man had come to the office seeking

a contribution for the League and had been refused. Thereupon, the man became abusive and insulting and was told to leave the office. Mr. RATHBONE could not recall the name of this individual.

Mr. S. J. BRAINERD, president of the Palmer National Bank advised that Dr. H. W. BENJAMIN had been coming to the bank for several years soliciting funds for the Constitutional League. He stated that Dr. BENJAMIN had an affable way about him, was a good talker and would usually stay so long that often he would give him a contribution to get rid of him. The receipts in possession of the bank listed the following contributions to Dr. BENJAMIN by check:

Receipt dated 5/14/37 for \$25 signed by Dr. Benjamin for the Const. Ed. League.

Receipt dated 3/8/38 for \$25 signed by Dr. Benjamin for the Const. Ed. League.

Receipt dated 1/16/39 for \$25 signed by Dr. Benjamin for the Const. Ed. League. Check given for this receipt endorsed by H. W. Benjamin, Secretary.

Receipt dated 10/2/39 for \$25 signed by H. W. Benjamin, treasurer of the League for the Investigation of Nazi, Fascist and Communist Propaganda in U. S. A., Box 252, West Hartford, Conn.

Mr. BRAINERD stated that if these receipts were needed by the Bureau they would be glad to have photostatic copies of them made. He stated that in 1940 sometime, he had written a friend of his named L. MARSDEN HUBBARD, president of Connecticut River Bank at Hartford, Conn. who had advised him in return that the organization was not worthy of support.

AT WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. G. E. WILLIAMSON, manager of the Strathmore Paper Company, West Springfield, Mass., advised that his records revealed that they had contributed \$125 to the Constitutional Educational League over a period of the last four years. The receipts reflected the following contributions:

6/21/37, \$50 to Constitutional Educational League, Inc. through Dr. Benjamin							
3/11/38, \$25 to	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1/17/39, \$25 to	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1/30/40, \$25 to	"	"	"	"	"	"	"Chester A. Hanson

Mr. WILLIAMSON turned over to Agent two letters from the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., dated 1/18/39 and 1/31/40, respectively, acknowledging receipt of donations and setting forth some of the work of the League. These letters are being forwarded to the office of origin. It will be noted that one of the letters--that which is dated 1/31/40--is signed by MADelyn A. CONNOR, assistant secretary whose name did not appear in reference report.

AT GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. WALTER B. FOSS, secretary of the Greenfield, Mass. Chamber of Commerce, advised that his file contained a letter, dated 9/7/37, from the National Better Business Bureau, Chrysler Building, New York City, which stated that the Constitutional Educational League had been organized about ten years ago with the following officers: "Judge John L. Gibson, Chairman; Dr. H. W. Benjamin, Field Secretary; William H. Rush, Jr., secretary; and the following advisory Commission: Mayor P. Leroy Harwood, New London, Conn.; Col. Anson F. Keeler, Norwalk, Conn.; Judge John H. Kirkham, New Britain, Conn.; Judge Bacon Wakeman, Fairfield, Conn. The League has been active in circulating literature giving information about the CIO." Mr. FOSS advised that he did not know if the organization had solicited funds around Greenfield but thought perhaps Mr. JOHN W. HAIGIS of the Franklin County Trust Co., 324 Main St., Greenfield, Mass., had contributed.

Mr. JOHN W. HAIGIS, president of the Franklin County Trust Company, Greenfield, Mass., advised that he had made several contributions to the Constitutional League in the amount of \$25 through Dr. H. W. Benjamin who was quite a character. He stated that Dr. Benjamin had a good line, was always immaculately dressed and had a chauffeur to drive him. Mr. HAIGIS stated that several years ago Col. FREDERICK W. PAYNE had been sold on Mr. Benjamin when he was with the Greenfield Tap & Die Corporation and had urged the bank to make a contribution. He thought perhaps Benjamin had also contacted Mr. JOHN W. SMEAD, president of the First National Bank at Greenfield, Mass., and Philip Rogers of the Millers Falls Company, Greenfield, Mass. He estimated that Mr. BENJAMIN had solicited as much as \$500 in the vicinity of Greenfield judging by the number of checks he would exhibit from various banks and manufacturers in that section.

AT DALTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. FRED G. CRANE, manager of Crane & Co. paper makers, Dalton, Mass., advised that Dr. BENJAMIN came around in 1939 and the firm had contributed \$25 to the Constitutional Educational League. He had then written to the Associated Industries of Mass., 833 Park Square, Boston, Mass., and received a letter in reply dated 10/10/39 advising that inasmuch as Dr. H. W. BENJAMIN was connected with the Republic Magazine, a Communist organization, it was doubtful if the organization was worthy of support of the members of the Association.

Mr. CRANE advised that his firm had contributed \$50 to the League in March, 1938, and had probably given as much as \$50 in 1937 though no record of this could be found. He stated that Dr. BENJAMIN had visited the office in 1940 for a contribution but had been refused. Dr. CRANE stated that he thought another contributor to the fund had been Mr. IRVING N. ESLECK, of the Esleck Manufacturing Co., Turners Falls, Mass.

It will be noted that in this report are listed the names of additional potential contributors to the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. However, it is being left to the office of origin to set out undeveloped leads to contact these persons in the event that additional information of this nature is deemed essential to this investigation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Frank W. Thompson:

AT ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

Agent called on Mr. W. E. BRIMER, treasurer of the Tyer Rubber Company, Andover, Mass. When questioned concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., Mr. BRIMER stated that he did not remember of ever having heard of such an organization but after thinking the matter over, stated he had a faint recollection of some one soliciting money for some such organization. After searching his files, Mr. BRIMER found the carbon copy of a letter which he had written to the Chamber of Commerce at New Haven, Conn. This letter was dated September 11, 1937, and reads as follows:

"Dear Sirs:

We have been approached by the Constitutional Educational League, which apparently has headquarters in your city, with reference to the possibility of our making a contribution in connection with its distribution of Patriotic Literature.

Before deciding what action to take in this matter, we should appreciate any information you can give us concerning this organization. We enclose a stamped envelope for your use in replying.

Very truly yours,

TYER RUBBER COMPANY"

Mr. BRIMER also found in the file a letter addressed to him sent by the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, 152 Temple St., New Haven, Conn., dated September 23, 1937. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Brimer:

The Constitutional Educational League, with headquarters in the First National Bank Building in New Haven, was organized some ten odd years ago under the active direction of Messrs. Chester A. Hanson and Joseph P. Kamp (not incorporated), as a fact-finding movement concerning the workings of the Communist and other alien Red Movements, and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression; i.e., newspapers, magazines, speakers, radio, etc.

In case of trouble, or threatened trouble, it has on several occasions tried to inform the public, through the press and through patriotic organizations, as to what the movement was and who was behind it. The League claims to have a very accurate file of people identified with the Communist organization, and to keep close track of Communistic activities.

This is the statement made by Chester A. Hanson who is the Executive Secretary. The Chairman is Judge John L. Gilson, judge of the Probate Court of New Haven. Dr. H. W. Benjamin, Hartford, is the Field Secretary and Wm. H. Rush, Jr. is Secretary. The Advisory Committee

consists of Major P. LeRoy Harwood, New London; Col. Anson F. Keeler, Norwalk; Judge John H. Kirkham, New Britain; Judge Bacon Wakeman, Fairfield and other men of equal prominence and responsibility."

Attached to these two letters was a card which Mr. BRIMER stated the man whom he talked to and who was soliciting contributions left with him when he called. This card reads as follows:

"Constitutional Educational League
New Haven, Connecticut

Joseph A. Burke
Publicity Director for Massachusetts
130 Sutherland Road, Boston, Mass.
Phone Longwood 0642

Mr. BRIMER gave this card to Agent and it is being retained in the Boston File. He also had his stenographer type copies of each of the two letters hereinbefore referred to, which copies are also being retained in the Boston File.

Mr. BRIMER stated that he knew nothing about the Constitutional Educational League besides what information was contained in his file, all of which information has been set out in this report. He said he did not remember the amount of the solicitation but he was sure no contribution was made by himself or by the Tyer Rubber Company since there was nothing in his files to reflect any such contribution.

Mrs. K. B. TOYE, 10 Bonad Road, Winchester, Massachusetts, submitted the following information:

"THE FIFTH COLUMN STOPS DEFENSE
by Joseph P. Kamp

The following is taken from a booklet put out by the Constitutional Educational League, 831 Chapel St., New Haven Conn.

'We pledge to work for the stoppage of all munitions production in American factories; we shall especially strive to extend our anti-war forces into the key factories, and organize the young workers there into anti-war youth committees. All forms of militant action, such as demonstrations, strikes, etc., shall be used to stop the production and shipment of all war supplies and munitions' (Oath of American League for Peace & Democracy)

'Accept the draft, take the drill, go into the camps and onto the battlefields, or into the munition factories and transportation work - but sabotage war preparations and war. Be agitators for sabotage. Down tools when the order is to make and load munitions. Spoil war materials and machinery.' (Appeared in the Epworth Herald, a church paper written by Winifred Chappell, Dean of Commonwealth

College, Mena, Ark.)

Then follows the orders Col. Geo. Harvey Pres. of the Borough of Queens obtained & rushed to U. S. Army Intelligence at Governor's Island. Code orders in re pulling out telephones, using smoke bombs, blowing up water & gas mains, taking over armories, starting fires in old buildings, inciting labor disturbances, having gunmen in taxis shoot police officers and National Guardsmen, Etc.

Then comes 'Hitler's Roll of Honor' - C.I.O. leaders either card-holding members of the Communist Party or fellow travelers:-

Official D.N.B. dispatch March 26, 1941 - 'The U. S. is in virtual revolution. Strikes and rioting are closing defense industries. There will be no aid to Britain under the Lease-Lend Bill which has just been signed by Roosevelt.'

From Earl Reeves (on reports from secret agents abroad, 'The Gestapo is chiefly interested in putting a stop to the American aviation industry.')

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. H. EAVES:

AT WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. HARRY L. GUSTAFSON, Assistant General Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Worcester, Massachusetts, upon interview produced records concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., which reflected that inquiry concerning this League was made in 1938 predicated upon the actions of Mr. DENNIS QUINN, solicitor for contributions and memberships for the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., at that date. Mr. GUSTAFSON stated that QUINN was soliciting for the National Republic and that he made contact with Mr. CHARLES G. STRATTON (deceased) for contributions to the National Republic. He gave STRATTON the idea that he was contributing to the National Republic instead of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., and that Mr. STRATTON had given him a check for \$100. which QUINN had used for his own personal satisfaction.

The records produced by Mr. GUSTAFSON reflected that QUINN was dismissed for misuse of contributions made to the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. The records also reflected that the letter concerning inquiry made was addressed to HARRY GUSTIN, Chamber of Commerce, Worcester, Massachusetts. Mr. GUSTAFSON stated that this mistake might have been due to a misunderstanding as he had telephonically communicated with the New Haven office of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., relative to QUINN.

The records reflected that the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., was a fact-finding organization concerning the activities of the Communist Party and red movements, to gather these facts, and disseminate information obtained through every known means of public expression.

The League also claims to have a very accurate file of people identified with the Communist organization and to keep in touch with all Communistic activities.

Mr. GUSTAFSON was unable to furnish any further information concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

No further investigation is being conducted by this office since the office of origin advised instant case is closed in reference report of C. A. MAHAN, New Haven, Connecticut, dated 6-28-41.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE NEW HAVEN FIELD OFFICE

1. Two receipts signed by Dr. Benjamin, Constitutional Educational League, New Haven, Conn., dated May 14, 1937, from Theodore Norman, and March 8, 1938, from N. E. Metal Calvert Co., each in amount of \$20.
2. Letter dated 12-28-39 to Jarvis & Jarvis, Inc., Palmer, Mass.
3. Program, League for Investigation of Nazi, Fascist & Communist Propaganda in U. S. A.
4. Pledge signed by N. E. Metal Calvert Co., Palmer, Mass. Form #3571 B
5. Letter to G. E. Williamson, Strathmore Paper Co., West Springfield, Mass., dated 1-31-40.
6. Letter dated 1-18-39 to G. E. Williamson, Strathmore Paper Co., West Springfield, Mass.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Captain Joseph Labbee of G-2, Boston, Massachusetts, turned over for examination to this office a map entitled "The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" published by the subject league of 831 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

On the back of this map blocked out in red appears the following:

"Report information concerning our armed forces to Major General Sherman S. Miles, Chief of Military Intelligence, Washington, D. C., or Captain C. F. Bryant, Chief of U. S. Naval Intelligence, Washington, D. C.

"If your information relates to Nazis send it to J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

"Since the Department of Justice on 6/26/41 notified all Federal attorneys to hold up prosecutions against Soviet agents any information regarding Communistic activities should be sent to Honorable Martin Dies, Chairman, Special Committee on un-American activities, Washington, D. C.

"If you are fearful of becoming involved your information will be treated in confidence if sent to Investigation Department, Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York City."

In accordance with Captain Labbee's request the above referred to map is being returned to him.

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Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc New York
cc New Haven

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Mr. Van R. H. Sternbergh
63 East 82nd Street
New York, New York

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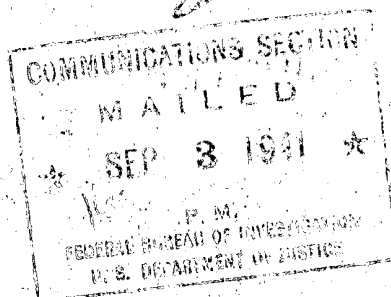
Your letter of August 8, 1941, addressed
to Mr. Hoover, was received in his absence
from Washington.

I shall be very glad to call it to his
attention immediately upon his return here
and I am sure he will be appreciative of your
kindness in writing to him.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



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63 E. 82nd St.,
New York, N.Y.
Aug. 8, 1941.

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director, F.B.I.,
U.S. Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Through courtesy of Mr. Clyde Tolson

Again I am taking this means of having a letter reach you without awaiting its turn in the large pile of direct mail you must always be faced with and which if I were getting such a volume of letters from all sorts of people everywhere surely would need several weeks to answer properly.

But just as in the case of friends a little nearer than the mobs of the "public" any of us do our best sincerely, in passing along to you what we think might be of interest or of importance and hope that if one out of ten really does you some good that the gesture will not have been in vain.

So here again I take pleasure in sending you something you very likely already have, but in any case I think you would be interested to know what if anything I happen to know about the men who prepared this map and its data. The "Joseph Kamp" I have met once or twice and you no doubt know more about him than I can suggest. Maybe his purposes are really altruistic and maybe not but in either case he seems to get up some exciting stuff.

The other half of the team who produced this map is Cloyd Gill whom you probably knew years ago in Washington when he was an editor of the Hearst papers there. I met him twice in those days, 1926-29 when I kept an office in Washington and spent most of my time there working in behalf of the Reserve Officers and being laughed at for trying to tell people in Congress that there "would possibly be another war in our time" and that we should be prepared.

This man Gill is sort of "down" financially and is trying to get somebody to finance his publication of these maps and other similar publications. I think he is to work on "anti-Red" campaigns for W.R. Hearst some years ago and considers himself the "nation's greatest authority on the subject."

Now this all may be true. God bless him if anybody finances him. If the data contained in his maps and publications are true, if one would back him to send a copy to every member of the DAR, the American Legion and all members of Congress etc, etc, but I do think all such stuff should first be submitted to your organization to see whether any harm or good can come of its distribution and of course whether it is in line with Government laws or not.

Then perhaps the most important reason for first having it go through your hands is that it may do more harm than good by tipping off the real subversive groups (if correct) before you have time to check their locations and list their leaders and members in each community. It would be harder to find them if they all suddenly

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Foxworth ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
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Mr. Drayton ✓
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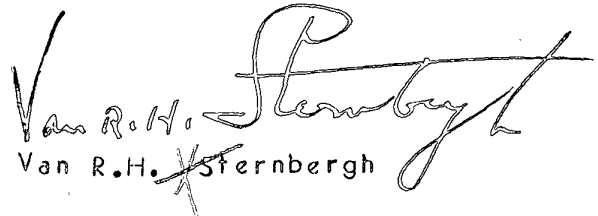
and purposely MOVED just to make such a map or publication useless and harmless to them. (Useless to the Government) (Harmless to themselves).

If this Kamp and Gill combination is really the patriotic and genuine thing they claim to be (and I do not doubt them) they should be giving their time and efforts and knowledge to the U.S. Government at this time and not try to get out private publications for their own personal profit or living.

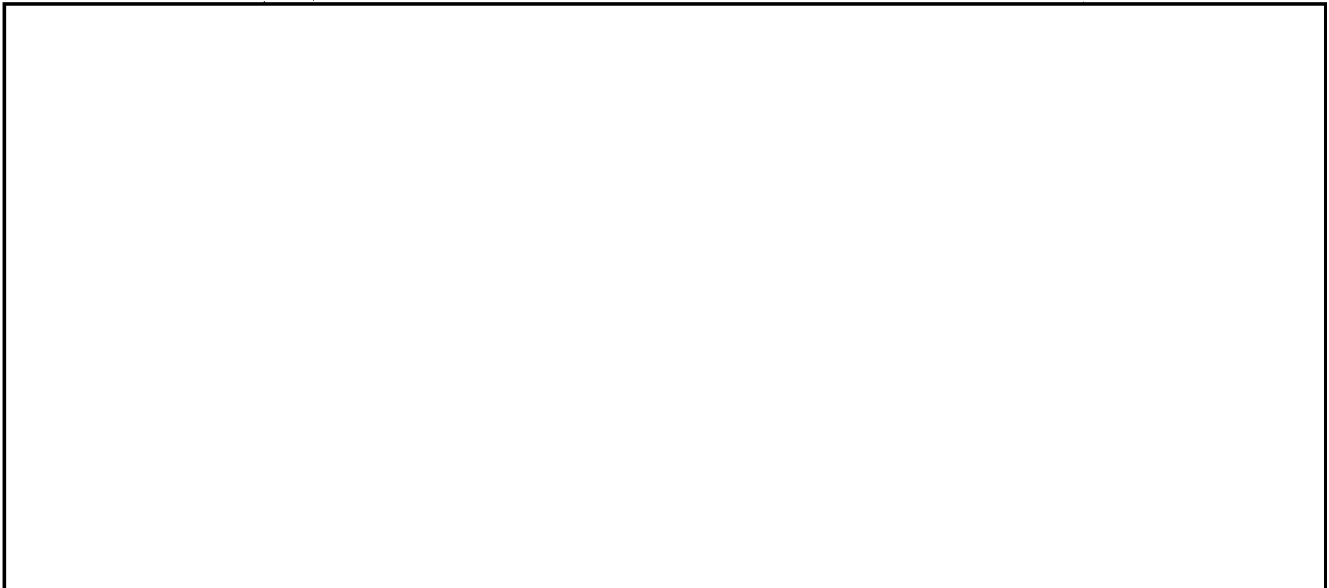
The list on their map looks impressive and darned important and it is truly a temptation to give them the cash to send these to every voter in the land, (if I could afford it) but that seems to me to be a thing that would defeat the purpose such a map should exist for, namely: For the official use of the investigative forces authorized to know and keep up with such things.

Hoping this has not bored you stiff, and that I will get to see you either in New York or Washington in the near future, I am with best wishes to you and your associates, as always,

Sincerely yours,


Van R.H. Sternbergh

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PSS I am in no way connected with the Gill-Kamp publications or map, and have not the time to be, and dont therefore intend to be. I never join "movements" anyway, though I probably should to be a good citizen

Additional memoranda:

Some time ago I reported to your organization the fact that I was following the progress of one Dr. Jos. Hess of 2122 Woolworth Bldg. N.Y. City who was formerly a Czech who worked for many years as a consulting and patent engineer and attorney for those Czechs who had the big Skoda Works also other large munitions works abroad, and that he has been established in the US about two years now and represents certain Czechs who are connected with the dormant Czech Government in England. Dr. Benesch, Mr. Autrata, Dr. Dobrymysl (inventor of the famous "Bren Gun"), etc, etc.

Now it seems this Dr. Jos. Hess has the rights to represent those owners of the Bren Gun and its improvement-patents in this country and I met him through a reputable NY Doctor and both the NY Doctor (S. Ruskin of E. 67th St.) and I have sort of nursed along Hess to do two things: 1. To get and keep getting information about his US progress with the Bren matters, and 2. If OK to be associated in same.

I took them to Washington on July 3, to meet Col. Ransford of the British Mission and said meeting was arranged for me by the British Ambassador. It developed that all Col. Ransford wanted was information and at last offered to "introduce us" to our own US Army Ordnance Corps.

The British have no intention of making or having any Bren Guns made for them in this country. That is what I most wanted to learn.

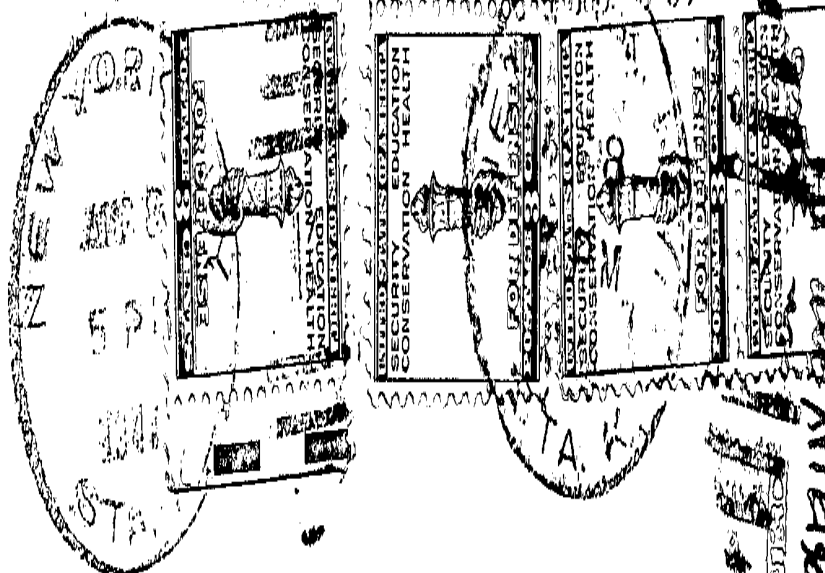
They have ~~xx~~ taken a license-contract from these Czechs in England to manufacture the Bren in the British-Empire. Some therefore are being made successfully in Canada. (Toronto) *and of course England*

This week I followed up by taking Dr. Hess and Dr. Ruskin to meet Mr. Leigh here in NY at 15 Broad St. of the British-Mission's NY staff. There were also present on the British staff a Mr. Robinson and a Mr. Cox both designers and engineers from Enfield, England and both have worked on the production in the past of Bren guns. Dr. Hess showed them his contracts and patent-applications and cables from his people in England and all data concerning which established in their minds that Hess is really the representative of the Czech group who own the Bren in England. So I think this is settled at last. I may therefore steer him to our own Ordnance Corps with it.

*not
detached
by Direct*

V. H. S.

VRHS
63 E. 82nd St.,
New York, N.Y.



PERSONAL

Mr. Clyde Tolson,
for Mr. Hoover,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Penna. Ave. & 9th St. NW.,

Washington, D.C.

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United States Department of Justice
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a pamphlet entitled "The Fifth Column Activities in America", which was brought to the attention of this office by Col. Geo. E. Hogaboom, Chief of Police at Vicksburg, Mississippi, which material had been distributed in that community.

The pamphlet is transmitted to the Bureau for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

Percy W. Lytle
PERCY W. LYTLE, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

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THE FIFTH COLUMN MENACES AMERICA ON A THOUSAND FRONTS

"This totalitarian propaganda drive is calculated to create national disunity in the United States..."

The main effort is to oppose American preparedness for National Defense."

*-Dies Committee, Appendix, Part III



The map lists:

- Italian Fascist Centers
- Native Fascist Centers
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- Nazi Unit Headquarters
- Bund Training Camps
- Bund District Headquarters
- Communist District Headquarters

- Communist Training Camps
- Communist Workers' Schools
- Communist Literature Centers
- Communist Section Headquarters

The map indicates:

- Nazi Department Boundaries
- Anti-Defense Concentrations
- Communist District Boundaries

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a well-known magazine and newspaper editor, knows more about the underground and behind-the-scenes activities of the Fifth Column in America than the Department of Justice, the F.B.I. and the Dies Committee put together. Investigating and exposing subversive elements has been his principal work for twenty-one years.

The truth of the facts he set forth four years ago in his widely read book "Join the CIO... and help build a SOVIET AMERICA" are now being attested by President Roosevelt, Attorney General Jackson, Congressman Dies, President Green of the A. F. of L., and many others.

His courageous and amazing expose: "The FIFTH COLUMN in Washington" was 1940's best seller. Other recent works from his pen include: "The FIFTH COLUMN in the South"; "The FIFTH COLUMN Stops Defense", and "The FIFTH COLUMN vs. the Dies Committee."

The demand in Congress for the creation of the Dies Committee was originally initiated by Joseph P. Kamp and in the subsequent struggle to keep the investigation into un-American activities alive and functioning he has been in the forefront of the battle.

When Homer Chailloux, National Americanism Director of the American Legion, in the recent book "Whither America?", wrote "the inside story of the Fifth Column, from American Legion secret files" he included the statement: "We acknowledge indebtedness to the researches of our good friend, Joseph P. Kamp, who for more than twenty years has been a student of subversive movements." Charles E. Clarke, author and former Assistant Corporation Counsel of New York, in a recent biography declared: "Joseph P. Kamp is recognized as the outstanding authority on subversive activities in the United States."

MAJOR GILL

has won national prominence as a newspaper man, a radio commentator and a recognized expert on un-Americanisms. A former editor of both the Washington Herald and the Washington Times he was for ten years a member of House and Senate press galleries. His researches in the field of Red radicalism have resulted in the publication, from coast to coast, of more revealing stories and feature articles on the subject than have come from any other source.

Congressional and State Legislative Committees investigating subversive activities have included his charts as key exhibits in their printed proceedings. Americanism Chairmen of more than 12,000 American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts, as well as thousands of other patriotic leaders are now using his studies as a guide.

A few years ago Major Gill was the mainspring in the campaign against Communism conducted by the Hearst newspapers and the Comrades are still smarting from the vigor of his attack. In the February 14, 1941, issue of their "Party line" magazine FRIDAY they paid their latest respects, characterized him as the former "chief of the Hearst intelligence service" and accused him of being connected with numerous patriotic organizations.



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This pamphlet is entitled "The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America, Authentic Map and Directory" and is alleged to be published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., New Haven, Connecticut, with addresses at Madison, Wisconsin and New York City, New York. The pamphlet reflects it was compiled by JOSEPH P. KAMP and A. GLOYD GILL. This pamphlet is herewith attached for the information of the Bureau.

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